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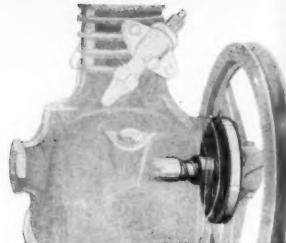
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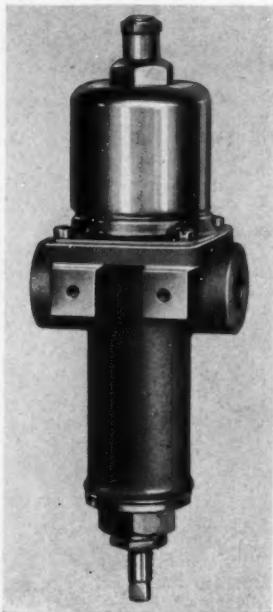
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## COVER

THE Mills compressor illustrated on the cover is being used in the laboratories of the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute, Chicago, to provide students in refrigeration with practical experience in the application of refrigeration to commercial problems.

The unit is a 1-hp. job, operating at a motor speed of 1750 r.p.m. It is a two cylinder reciprocating type air-cooled compressor, using a 15 lb. charge of methyl chloride.

Primarily the unit is used for refrigerating a walk-in cooler. However, it is so connected that it may also operate a floral display case in multiple connection, together with a meat market display case.

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## Field and Shop Service on General Electric Hermetic Units

### FIRST ARTICLE

This is the first of a series of practical articles on servicing G.E. Hermetics. These articles will feature the servicing of Models D.R. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. In this first article the author outlines the possible service complaints that may be remedied in the field.

The articles to follow will deal specifically with shop work.

By EDW. D. GEISER

*The author in this and the articles to appear in succeeding issues has endeavored to give a complete and comprehensive method for field and shop service of the General Electric Hermetic unit.*

*This refrigerating unit is not of the conventional type and therefore not thoroughly understood by the average service man, consequently the author suggests that the methods described be given full trial, as these methods have been used most successfully for some time past and the results from service and efficiency of the machine have proven the value of these instructions.*

*The field for this type of service is in its infancy as far as individual shops are concerned and open a profitable field for those who will do an efficient and workmanlike job.*  
—Editor.

### Field Service on General Electric Hermetic FIELD service on the General Electric

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pared with the conventional type, yet many times it is possible to correct most of the troubles in the interior.

In many cases the service man will find the machine very poorly located for the best operation. By this we mean that insufficient circulation of air causes higher head pressures, long running time, noise and consequently high current cost.

The condenser may be located in a warm part of the room and the refrigerator frequently pushed tight against the wall thereby cutting off most of the circulation. Many people object to the dust collected by the condenser and cover it with some material which of course materially increases the load imposed on the unit.

#### Float Valve

The float valve provides a means of entry into the unit and as this is the important part in field service we will deal with it first.

By referring to sketch of float, Fig. 1, visualize its action and purpose. The service man should always keep in mind that the float valve always goes into purge position when locking screw is turned out approximately four turns. This permits gas or liquid to feed directly from condenser into evaporator and whenever refrigerant or refrigerant and oil are added to machine the float should be in full purge position, thus preventing gas or liquid from being forced back into the condenser and dome.

On a few models of water coolers and like equipment the float does not have this purge advantage, so that the float ball will have to be lifted with a magnet. A magnet sufficient to pull the float ball can be wound in any shop, and is a very handy article. Such a magnet should be in every service man's kit.

In normal operation the float dome should be at nearly the same temperature as the lower turns of the condenser.

#### Field Service Complaints

The following are the complaints encountered in field, and the repairs usually necessary.

#### Machine Will Not Run

Check electrical leads to machine. Ascertain if there is current at male plugs of switch. If satisfactory remove switch cover, inspect bimetal strip to see if it is in running position and the end resting on trigger release which should be  $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. from edge. After a long period of operation this strip quite often becomes distorted. Use adjustment screw on opposite end of strip to adjust. If strip is in running position check small heater overload directly inside of bimetal strip and make sure there is no burned out stranded conductor lead.

If when on and off position, switch is operating and relay does not function, check starting resistance coil. On vertical switch it may be a blue porcelain coil of resistance wire wound ceramic spool or copperode. Make sure that this is not burned out. On flat type switch this resistor is located in rear right hand corner and is either clamped or screwed into place with Edison socket.

Check points and clean; check thermo siphon and make sure that it has not lost its charge.

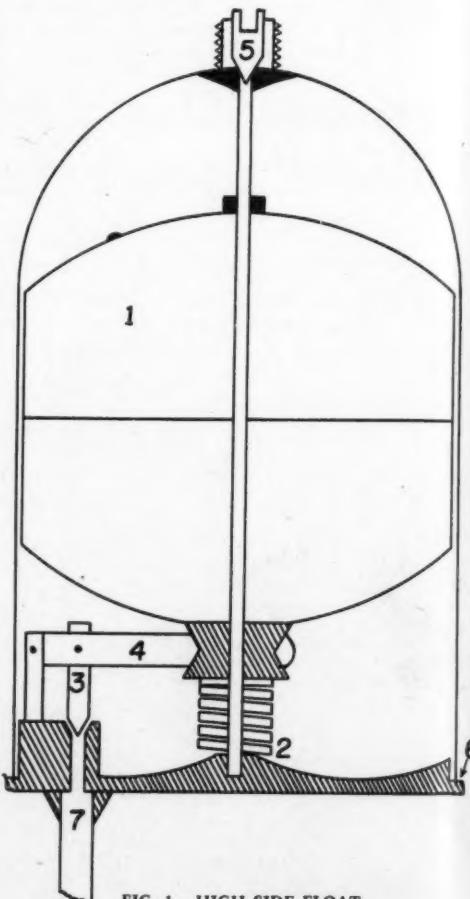


FIG. 1. HIGH SIDE FLOAT

1. Float Ball	5. Bristol Set Screw
2. Spring	6. Welded Base—Same as
3. Needle	Dome Base
4. Arm	7. Liquid Line to Evaporator

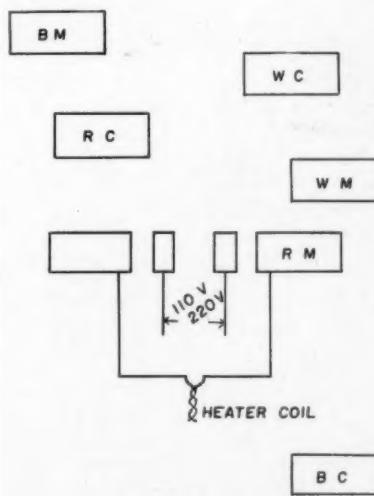
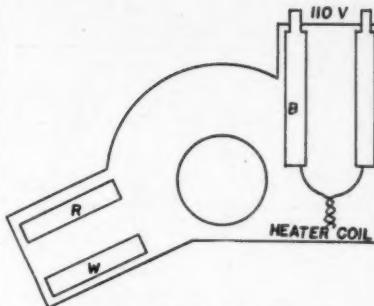
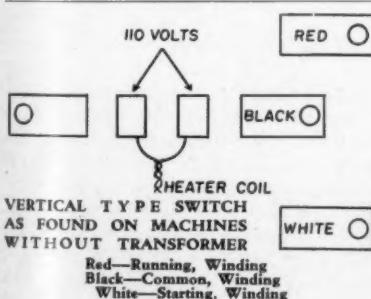
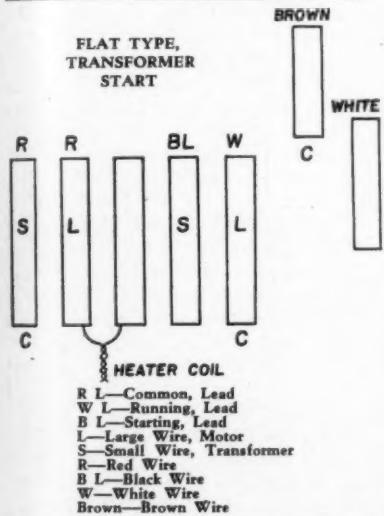
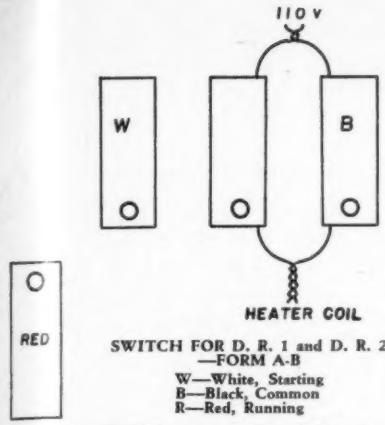
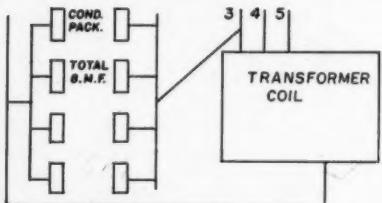
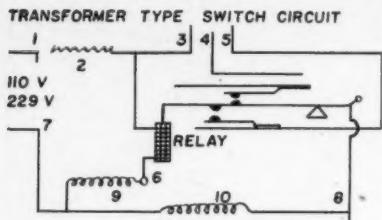
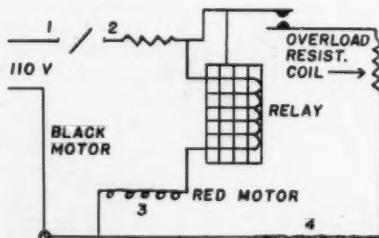


Fig. 2. All illustrations on this page and page following are switch hook-ups found on G. E.'s.



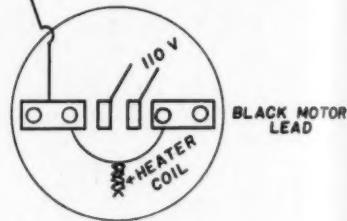
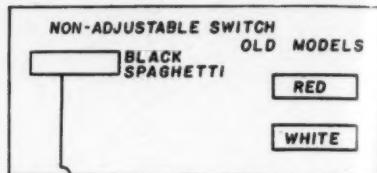
- 1—Thermo Switch
- 2—Bi-Metal Overload
- 3—Red, Condenser Transformer
- 4—Black, Transformer
- 5—White, Transformer
- 6—White, Motor Lead
- 7—Red, Motor Lead
- 8—Black, Motor Lead
- 9—Running, Winding
- 10—Starting, Winding
- White—Running
- Red—Common
- Black—Starting



CIRCUIT FOR CONVENTIONAL SWITCH

- 1—Thermo Switch
- 2—Bi-Metal Overload Switch
- 3—Running, Winding (Motor)
- 4—Starting, Winding (Motor)
- Red—Running
- Black—Common
- White—Starting

If after above operations, machine will not start remove switch and proceed as follows: On all models except DR.5 which is 220 volts, attach test lead wire from 110 volt supply to the running and common leads (check switch drawings Fig. 2 for color code) and apply current. With wire shorted from the starting to running leads, machine



should then start in less than 5 seconds. The above method throws both the starting and running windings in the circuit.

*Caution:* When making the above motor starting test, do not apply current for more than 45 seconds between starting and running, or running and common as this will damage motor beyond repair if not already burned out.

When above test has been made and motor will not start one of the following defects is the cause. Compressor is stuck; motor shorted or grounded; low-side check stuck or high head pressure. In all cases with exception of last cause, machine will have to be removed to shop for repairs.

#### Removing Unit

When removing unit from box the easiest method is as follows: place foot on edge of door sill and with knee under evaporator force upward and rest porcelain top on top of cabinet and it is then easy to lift out.

#### Machine Runs but Will Not Refrigerate at All

This condition is indicative of a broken flapper valve, blocked float, blocked check or suction line or loss of refrigerant. In addition to the above, the improper action of the float will become gas or gas and oil bound. Only in the latter two is it possible to make repairs in the field. For gas bound float, place service valve in position and open valve to purge position. This will al-

low gas to pass into evaporator and in the event that this does not remedy difficulty, purge out the non-condensable gas from float. Loss of charge may occur from a leaky set screw of float necessitating replacing charge. If this in addition to the other conditions mentioned previously does not remedy trouble, unit will have to be removed to shop for repairs.

#### Machine Runs but Evaporator Does Not Get Cold Enough

The trouble may be a shortage of gas, lack of oil in dome, inefficient compressor, partially obstructed liquid or suction line or float. To service these complaints, proceed as follows: first, replace gas lost. If there is a shortage of oil in dome, this is caused by oil being carried over and not being able to return to compressor due to shortage of gas in evaporator. Add approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound on brine tank models and only  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound at a time on other models. Shortage of oil in dome is usually indicated by a rattling sound in compressor. Only in event that the above does not remedy condition, add from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 pint of oil (recommended 800 viscosity Argon oil). This may be done in the following manner: draw vacuum on small drum, suck the required amount of oil in, again draw vacuum over oil and add  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound of gas. Shake well both before and during charging operation.

An efficient compressor may sometimes be corrected by adding oil, but if this does not correct trouble it will be necessary to remove to shop for rebuilding.

#### Obstructed Liquid Lines

Obstructed liquid lines can be flushed out by building up high head pressure (cover dome of compressor) and opening service valve to purge position. This also applies to blocked float. An obstruction in suction line will require removal to shop for rebuilding, as this condition is caused from scale inside of evaporator.

#### Motor Runs, Unit Refrigerates Properly but Rattles, or Does Not Shut Off

This indicates lack of oil, burned out heater coil, thermo sylphon lost charge or sylphon line loose on evaporator. The lack

of oil is explained in previous paragraph. To replace burned out heater coil proceed as follows: remove screws holding name plate in front of dome, remove rubber plug and pull heater coil from socket and if coil is cold replace with new one. This coil should be on at all times whenever cord is plugged into wall socket. Its purpose is to keep oil warm and to drive any gas out of dome, which would condense there.

If the sylphon has lost its charge replace sylphon in switch. If trouble is loose thermo line on evaporator, this is caused by loosening of clamp due to frosting or rusting, and this line must be securely clamped at all times.

The preceding field service operations represent the probable complaints encountered by service men in field with the exception of defective door gaskets, hardware or other minor complaints, which can easily be remedied as in conventional machines. The service man will soon ascertain what condition makes necessary removal of the unit to the shop for repairs.

In the August issue we will get into the matter of shop service which, I am sure, will be the interesting feature of this series of articles.

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#### THERMOMETERS

SOMETIMES thermometers become inaccurate due to condensation of alcohol in the upper section.

To recondition such thermometers, remove the cap and then pass the bulb end through an alcohol flame.

Merely insert and remove rapidly from flame until the alcohol column touches the top. Then cool by waving in the air.

Just as soon as the column of alcohol begins to reach the top, the thermometer must be heated carefully. If excessive temperature is permitted the thermometer will be destroyed.

With proper care thermometers can be reconditioned by this simple method.

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John Tweedie  
Arizona

Your magazine is certainly a big help to me. I don't know where else I could get this valuable "dope."

# Servicing the Fairbanks-Morse Refrigerator

(1st Article)

Construction and Operation Details Given in  
Manual Specially Prepared for Service Men—  
Provides Basis for Intelligent Field Service.

THE Fairbanks-Morse refrigerator is made by Fairbanks, Morse & Co., Home Appliance Division, Indianapolis, Ind. To enable service men to more clearly understand the operation of this refrigerator and to make it possible for them to render intelligent service in the field, a manual has been prepared by the company giving comprehensive information on its construction and operating details.

The C line of compressors is made in two different models, the single cylinder and the twin cylinder, each having a bore and stroke of  $1\frac{1}{16}$  in. These compressors are of the vertical reciprocating type, embodying a number of features to insure quiet and efficient operation. Leakage of refrigerant or the entrance of air past the crankshaft at the flywheel end is prevented by means of a bellows type seal. A stationary seal-face is held against a rotating seal-face on the crankshaft by a compression spring, forming a gas-tight connection that permits a rotary motion. The opposite end of the bellows is gasketed to the compressor body. The seal retainer plate holds the flange of the seal and the gasket in a counterbore in the body of the compressor. This counterbore is cut concentric with the compressor shaft so that when the gasket and the flange of the seal are placed in the counterbore the seal is forced to remain concentric with the shaft.

The eccentrics are equipped with oil dippers that pick up oil from the lower part of the crankcase on each revolution. Due to the speed of the eccentric, the centrifugal force throws the oil against the connecting rods and at the top of the stroke feeds the oil to the oil groove provided in the connecting rod, then through the channel drilled in the connecting rod. The oil is then forced

up the connecting rod channel into the wrist pin and wrist pin bearings. The seal and main bearings are lubricated by a gravity feed through the channels provided in the crankcase. These channels are fed from the reservoirs which are also built into the crankcase. The lubrication of the pistons is accomplished through the use of specially designed oil grooves in both the piston and cylinder wall.

The suction or intake valves are located on the valve plate directly above the pistons. The discharge valves are located on the top side of the same valve plate and, due to their bridge and spring construction, will withstand any reasonable amount of abuse.

When operating normally, the vapor returning from the evaporator follows the suction line to the service valve and enters the compressor through a fine mesh screen and travels up to the intake or suction valve located on the valve plate under the head of the compressor. The returning vapor occasionally carries more than the proper amount of oil with it. Some of the vapor will enter the crankcase and condense to a liquid there. Liquid sulphur dioxide is heavier than oil with the result that it settles at the bottom of the crankcase. When the compressor starts, the pressure in the crankcase is reduced and the liquid refrigerant boils up through the oil causing it to foam. The tendency of this oil foam is to travel with the vapor through the suction or intake valve into the cylinder and on the compression stroke is forced through the head valve into the condenser and the receiver tank.

These conditions lead to two difficulties: First the travel of the oil through the discharge valves causing a pounding noise; sec-

only, the oil supply in the crankcase is reduced. In the Fairbanks-Morse compressor, provisions have been made to minimize this oil pumping through the incorporation of a system which allows oil returning from the evaporator to separate from the vapor and drain into the crankcase and to reduce oil pumping from the crankcase. The vapor leaving the evaporator travels through the suction line to the inlet channel in the compressor body and passes through the screen

which protrudes into the inlet channel. The vapor continues upward until it strikes the baffle which is part of the cylinder head and, after passing under this baffle, strikes the oil separator.

This separator is composed of a piece of steel tube placed in the valve plate; the vapor now travels up and over the sides of this tube to the suction or intake valves of the compressor. While the liquid refrigerant is heavier than the oil in the system, the

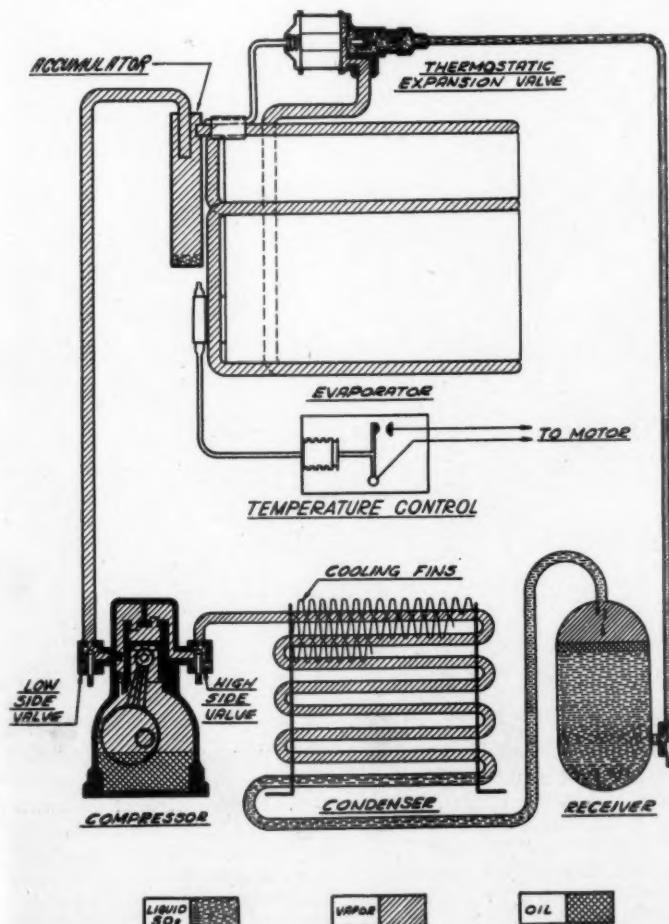


FIG. 1—FAIRBANKS-MORSE REFRIGERATION CYCLE



FIG. 2—CUT-AWAY VIEW OF THE FAIRBANKS-MORSE SINGLE CYLINDER COMPRESSOR

vapor is considerably lighter; therefore, by slowing up the travel of the vapor, the oil (being heavier) tends to separate from the vapor at each point where the course of the vapor is changed by the baffles used.

The separated oil accumulates until large enough amounts collect, after which it returns down the sides of the inlet channel through the lower and smaller hole in the small brass fitting that is located at the bot-

tom of the inlet channel, and finally through the very small opening at bottom of the inlet itself. The small hole at the bottom of the channel and the brass separator minimize the possibility of oil being pumped out of the crankcase and, at the same time, allow the oil that has been separated from the vapor to flow into the crankcase. The system is so designed that sufficient oil for lubrication is allowed to circulate through it at all times.

The compressor shaft is hardened and ground Nickel Molybdenum steel and operates in bearings which are diamond bored and finished by a process known as "bearingizing," in which the bearings are finished by being rolled to size with a series of rollers. This operation reduces the porosity of the bearing, producing a dense, highly polished surface which reduces wear to a minimum. The eccentric in the single cylinder compressor is counter-balanced, minimizing vibration. The pistons are selectively fitted by hand to the walls of the cylinders, which are also bearingized.

#### Compressor Specifications

The specifications for Models C-1 and C-2 compressors are the same with the exception that Model C-2 is equipped with twin cylinder. These specifications are as follows:

Type: Single cylinder, vertical reciprocating.

Bore:  $1\frac{1}{16}$  in.

Stroke:  $1\frac{1}{16}$  in.

Valves: Intake and exhaust valves on same valve plate.

Shaft:  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. front and back bearings;  $2\frac{1}{32}$ -in. for flywheel.

Seal: Seal positively held concentric with shaft by locating seal nose, spring and flange in counterbores which are concentric with shaft.

Castings: The castings are refrigerator iron with fine carbon distribution, normalized before machining to prevent possibility of warping.

Shaft and wrist pin: Made of Nickel Molybdenum steel.

Finishes: (a) Main bearings and piston pin holes diamond bored and bearingized held with 0.0002 in. (b) Cylinder is diamond bored and bearingized held within 0.0002 in. (c) Seal nose is diamond faced in special high speed machine and inspected under powerful microscope for flaws.

Lubrication (Sealed): (a) Gravity feed to main bearings and seal. (b) Force feed to eccentric and wrist pin. (c) Positive lubrication of piston in cylinder by oil reservoir in the cylinder.

Oil Separator: Oil separator in suction port returns oil to crankcase.

For the condensing unit, standard equipment specifications for Model UC-1 are as follows:

Motor:  $\frac{1}{6}$  hp. capacitor type 110 volt 60 cycle a.-c. motor. Motors are available to operate on current, of any specified voltage or frequency.

Condenser: Fedders single pass 8-tube condenser air cooled by fan on motor. Finish—Electro tinned.

Receiver: Steel cylinder — vertically mounted.

Base: Steel stamping—resting on four rubber cushioned springs.

Refrigerant: Sulphur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ) Amount  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

Oil: Anhydrous refrigeration oil—110 viscosity. Amount 14 oz. by wgt.

Standard equipment specifications for Model UC-2 condensing unit are the same as the above with the following exceptions:

Motor:  $\frac{1}{6}$  hp.

Condenser: Fedders single pass 10-tube condenser.

Oil: Amount 20 oz. by wgt.

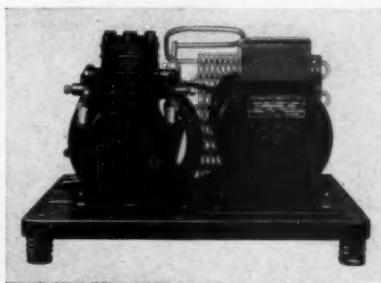


FIG. 3—UC-1 CONDENSING UNIT, FAIRBANKS-MORSE REFRIGERATOR

Either condensing unit may be equipped with d.-c. or odd cycle motors of any specified voltage. In the event that it is necessary to use other than the motor that is standard equipment, it will be necessary to maintain the proper compressor speed and also change the heater coil in the temperature control. This is due to the fact that different types of motors have different ampere ratings and, in some cases, were the original heater coil allowed to remain in the temperature control, the motor of another type would burn up before sufficient amperage passed through the heater coil to force it to open the circuit. If other than 110 volts are to be used, the light bulb in the cabinet must also be changed.

The condensing equipment is mounted on a base stamped from heavy gauge metal forming a rigid platform that is floated on rubber cushioned springs. The cup-shaped rubber caps are placed over the ends of the springs and the assemblies are placed under each corner of the condensing unit so that the rubber cups fit into the wells provided for them in the cabinet base and the condensing unit base. These rubber cushioned springs eliminate metal-to-metal contact at any point between the unit base and the frame of the cabinet.

fins are bonded to the tray sleeves to give definite metal-to-metal contact throughout their entire length. The tubes are arranged above and below every tray sleeve and are bonded to the sleeves; each tray rests flat on the bottom of its tray sleeve. In this type of evaporator, the trays are separated from the actual refrigerant only by the thickness of the copper tubes and tray sleeves.

The accumulator is a small cylindrical tank located immediately behind the evaporator. The evaporator tubing enters the

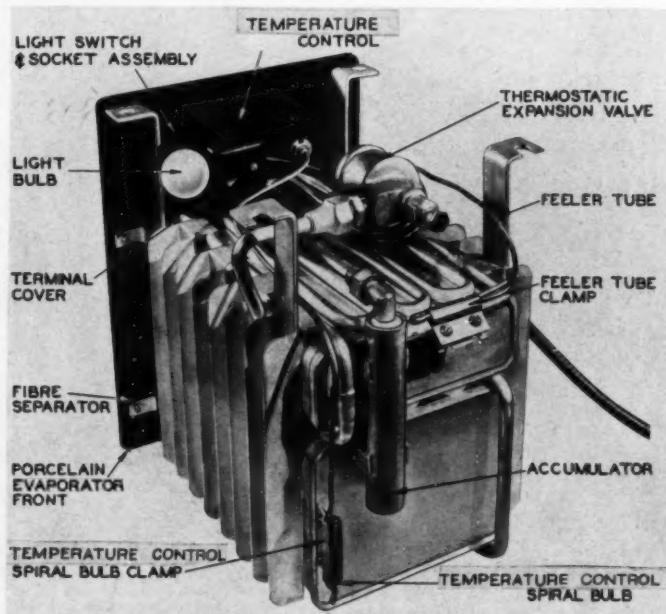


FIG. 4—VIEW OF THE EVAPORATOR, FAIRBANKS-MORSE REFRIGERATOR

The receiver is a welded steel tank with spherical ends. This tank serves as a reservoir tank carrying the excess liquid refrigerant not required in the evaporator. This tank is large enough to store the refrigerant that is pumped out of the evaporator and compressor if it is necessary to remove these parts.

The evaporators are of continuous copper-tube construction provided with copper radiating fins. This vertical fin area assures low box temperatures under all conditions. The

side of the accumulator very close to the top; the outlet of the accumulator is on the top of the cylinder and is connected directly to the suction line leading to the compressor.

The function of the accumulator is very similar to that of the ordinary line trap; and, in this case, it functions as a trap. If for any reason small particles of foreign matter are in the evaporator, they will be washed through the evaporator by the action of the liquid-laden vapor which is moving through the evaporator while the unit is op-

erating. When these particles reach the end of the evaporator, they enter the accumulator and, due to their weight, drop to the bottom. It is impossible for these particles to travel further because of the construction of the accumulator. The second and basic reason for the incorporation of this device is to prevent the return of any liquid. A thermostatic expansion valve is used to control the flow of liquid refrigerant into the evaporator.

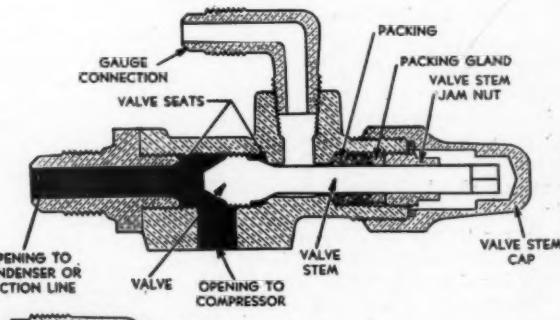
#### Temperature Control

The temperature control and light switch assembly, including the light socket, is

mounted on the evaporator front as a unit. These units may easily be separated so that replacement of either switch may be made. This arrangement of controls or switches eliminates wiring of any kind in the cabinet walls through the use of a three conductor cord installed between the motor terminal strip and the control and light units. If no light is used, the conventional two conductor cord is installed.

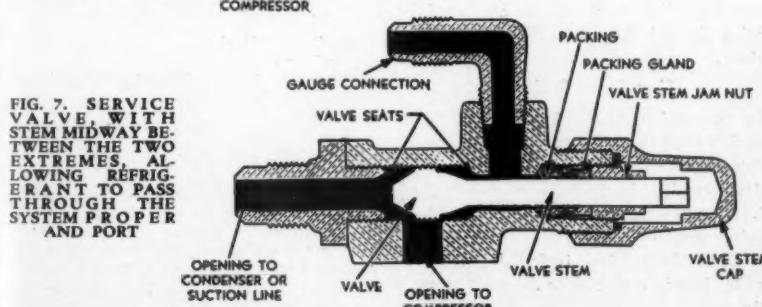
The normal position of the temperature control provides an approved temperature, but five points on each side of this setting are provided so that individual requirements

**FIG. 5. SERVICE VALVE, NORMAL OPERATING POSITION**



**FIG. 6. SERVICE VALVE, IN POSITION TO SHUT OFF FLOW OF REFRIGERANT THROUGH SYSTEM AND OPERATING PORT**

**FIG. 7. SERVICE VALVE, WITH STEM MIDWAY BETWEEN THE TWO EXTREMES, ALLOWING REFRIGERANT TO PASS THROUGH THE SYSTEM PROPER AND PORT**



may be met. The fifth point on the right is the coldest, producing very low temperatures for fast freezing of ice cubes or desserts, and on the extreme lefthand side of the dial is a vacation position provided for economical operation during vacation periods. By turning the pointer to the defrost position and allowing it to remain in that position overnight, the evaporator will defrost but the cabinet will be kept cool during that period. The temperature control also is equipped with an overload cutout that opens the circuit at any time the current drain becomes excessive.

#### Service Valves

The valves on each side of the compressor are dual or two-way valves. The port or external opening on the valve, into which a  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. pipe plug is inserted, is provided so that the gauges may be easily attached to the unit and to facilitate the charging, discharging, and dehydrating of the unit. The valve located on the left hand side of the compressor (facing the front of the unit as it is placed in the refrigerator) is the suction or low side valve, while the valve situated on the right or motor side of the compressor is the pressure or high side valve. If there is any leakage of refrigerant from around this valve stem when the cap is removed, the packing should be tightened by turning the valve stem jam nut to the right.

The normal position of this stem while the unit is operating is turned all the way to the left. This allows an unrestricted flow of refrigerant through the valves and at the same time shuts off the port. The receiver tank valve is a single port valve. In order to stop the flow of refrigerant from the receiver tank this valve should be closed by turning the valve stem to the right until it seats.

#### Shut Down Periods

In cases where the refrigerator is to be shut down for the winter months, the system should be balanced. To do this, follow the instructions listed below:

1. Stop the unit by pulling out the temperature control button.
2. Close the receiver tank valve by turning the stem in a clockwise direction until it seats.

3. Defrost the evaporator by keeping the cabinet doors open. Remove the ice cubes and place hot water in the cube trays and place the trays in the evaporator to speed up the defrosting.

4. While waiting for the evaporator to warm up (it should be approximately room temperature) attach your compound gauge to the low side valve.

5. When the evaporator has defrosted:  
(a) Start the machine and allow it to operate until the compound gauge reads zero (0). (b) Stop the unit. (c) The back pressure will increase again due to the fact that some liquid sulphur dioxide will remain in the line between the receiver tank valve and the thermostatic expansion valve. The passage of this refrigerant through the expansion valve may be hastened by placing the hand over the feeler tube of the expansion valve where it is connected to the evaporator. The heat of the hand will cause the expansion of the vapor in the feeler tube, thereby holding the valve open. Repeat (a) and (b) until the gauge will read zero (0) for several minutes with the unit turned off. (d) Remove the compound gauge and then close the suction and discharge service valves.

6. Warn the customer that the unit must not be started except by a service man.

*In the next issue this article will be continued with instructions on trouble diagnosis, installing and removing gauges, testing for leaks, testing and replacing the compressor, replacing valve plates, repairing suction and discharge valves, and other service suggestions.*

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# *Special Service Valves* for Hermetic Units

The Design of Simple Service Valves for Use on Valveless and Hermetic Units—Special Tools Necessary for Servicing Such Equipment.

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THE early designers of refrigeration apparatus intended for household use included standard valves in their products but soon learned to leave off the handwheels to prevent tampering with the equipment.

To further prevent unintelligent valve manipulation and in an effort to keep all but authorized representatives from adjusting or servicing equipment, designers next began to bring out unusual valve stem ends, some of triangular form, others recessed and some sealed with caps. This required the use of special tools and of course limited servicing to those who had access to the special service equipment.

Prior to 1930 the use of special valve end designs disappeared, the square stem end coming into broad use. With the advent of new comers into the refrigeration field after this date the idea of special tools was again revived, especially where the semi-hermetic and hermetic designs were concerned.

In hermetic layouts it became general to eliminate all service valves, cheapening the cost of production and eliminating potential sources of refrigerant leakage. A special charging plug is generally employed on such units which necessitates a suitable service or adapter valve.

## Charging Ports

The charging plug itself is usually of steel and screwed into a threaded stud, as shown in the sketch in Fig. 1. In the illustration the plug is shown slightly off its seat or in open position. The end of the plug is generally provided with a slot to engage the screwdriver, a tang end of the service tool or it may have a square end, as in the case of the Frigidaire design. General Electric uses a slotted hexagonal opening in the plug

end, making use of a tool end somewhat similar to a set screw wrench.

The plug in the charging port as a rule is drilled through the center and this channel connects with a hole drilled in from the sealing face of the plug, as may be seen in the sketch. In most cases a protective shell or screwed bonnet will be found over the charging port to give protection to the threads, eliminate tampering and prevent leaks.

As the different manufacturers employed various sizes of threads and diameters in making up the charging port, as well as differing in their choice of stem ends, a tool of general utility was impossible. The present tool design, however, will serve as a basis for all valves, merely requiring proper stem end and adapter end changes.

## Discharging Hermetics

As with any compression system, a hermetic machine must first be discharged or

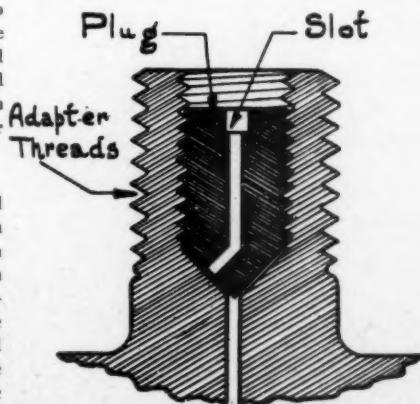


FIG. 1—CHARGING PORT

evacuated before any work can be done on its mechanical parts. By use of a special service tool the charge can be blown out to

the air or a compressor can be used to evacuate the system.

If desired, a high side (motor, condenser

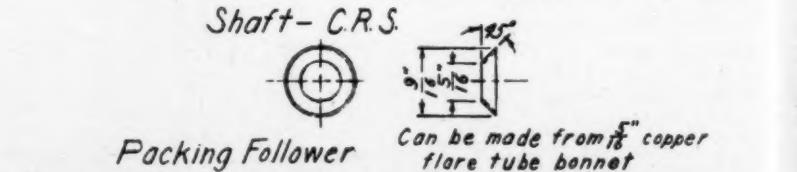
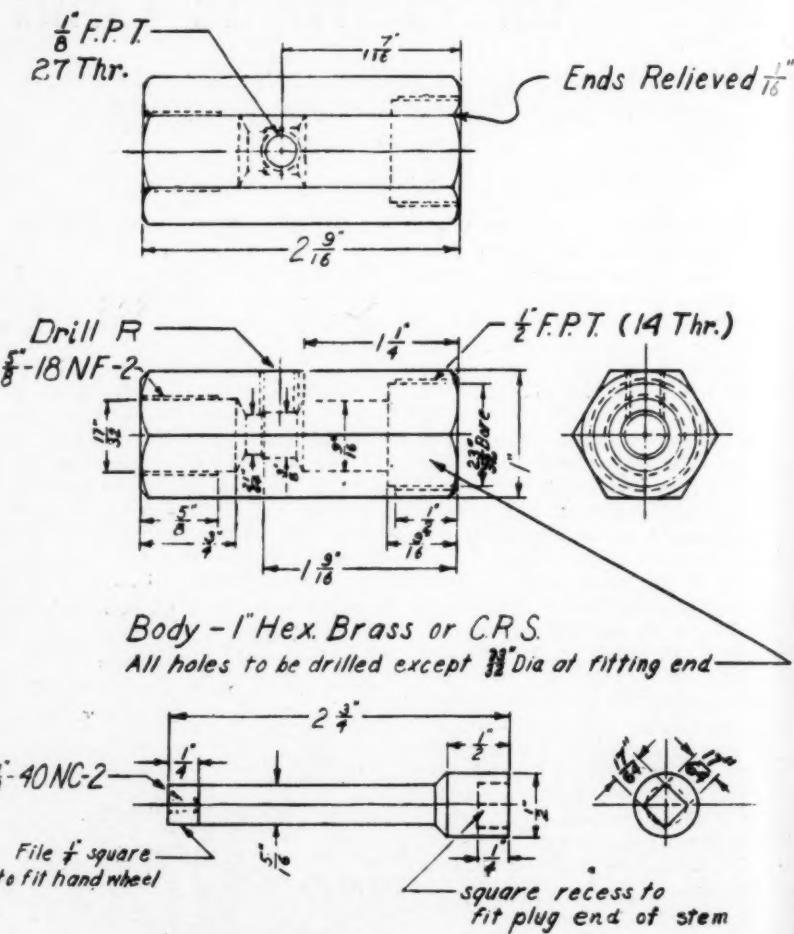


FIG. 2—DATA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SPECIAL TOOL FOR USE ON PURGE PLUG OF FRIGIDAIRE HIGH SIDE FLOAT VALVE CHAMBER—REPRODUCED FULL SIZE

receiver) may be made up for the express purpose of evacuating systems so that the evacuated gas may be condensed and stored in the receiver of the unit. A large or oversize receiver may be installed, if desired, to hold several changes. Liquid can thus be saved and utilized again for recharging the overhauled units.

Never change or mix refrigerants in hermetics, as most of this type are direct driven and designed especially for a certain refrigerant. If another refrigerant is employed it may overload the motor, cause improper throttling and give poor service.

#### Charging Hermetics

Hermetics are charged by the liquid method, accomplished by heating the refrigerant cylinder slightly (about 20-25 degrees above room and unit temperature) and having the cylinder upside down so that liquid is forced out of the warm refrigerant cylinder into the cooler unit.

By using a loop in the charging line if copper tubing is employed or by employment of a flexible charging line and suspending the drum from a spring scale, or resting it on a platform scale, the correct refrigerant charge can be gotten into the system.

To check operation, allow the unit to run until it begins to cycle. Then take the temperature of the evaporator, temperature of the air going over the condenser and refer to data under heading of "Determination of Proper Charge in Air Cooled Units." If a shortage is indicated by low head pressure or by improper operation, an additional quantity of refrigerant can be added. In most cases the refrigerant and quantity is stated on the machine tag, so that little trouble will be experienced from this source.

#### Care in Reassembling

It is extremely important that the correct oil and proper quantity of it be replaced in hermetic systems. Use the best oils available and it will be cheapest in the end. Above all, keep the oil in a sealed can so that it cannot absorb moisture from the atmosphere.

Before charging an overhauled system evacuate all air. If possible, pull a 30 in. vacuum. Then give the system a "shot" of gas of the kind used in the system. Evacuate

this gas. It will scrub out any air remaining from the previous evacuation.

Extreme care is essential in working on the small high speed hermetics, for the valves and parts are necessarily delicate and tiny.

#### Frigidaire Service Valve

It will be observed that the tool required for Frigidaire work makes use of a steel shaft with a bulge at the engaging end. In the General Electric tool the shaft end is without bulge but the tool body is made as indicated in Fig. 8, to accommodate an extension or lip which projects from the charging port on this unit.

Data for the construction of a special tool for use on the new Frigidaire high side system is given in Figs. 2 and 3. If desired, two openings or ports may be drilled and threaded into the body of the valve, so that a service port as well as a gauge port is provided. Of course the single port may be equipped with a tee and do the same thing.

For other models refer to the data given in Fig. 4. The stem ends as well as information of adapter threads are given and beyond these changes the service valve tool remains as given.

#### Identification

Where different service valve tools are made up it is best to stamp each one with the name of the unit it will service. This data may be applied with steel stamps on the face of one of the hexagon sides of the body and will form a ready, indelible means of identification.

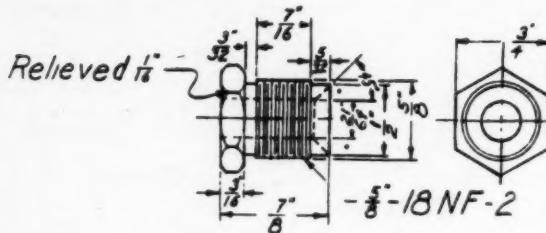
Threads may be warped and ruined if an improper adapter end is forceably screwed to charging port; therefore it is an excellent plan to punch the identification of each valve on its side or at least provide a tag, which while not as satisfactory or as imperishable as stamping, will serve if steel stamps are not at hand.

If desired, the builder can eliminate the valve wheel and apply his standard service wrench to the squared end. Another plan is to drill the  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. shaft end with a  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. hole and insert a  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. cross-bar about 3 in. in length. The ends may be peened over to prevent the bar from falling out. If the bar is smoothed down with emery cloth it

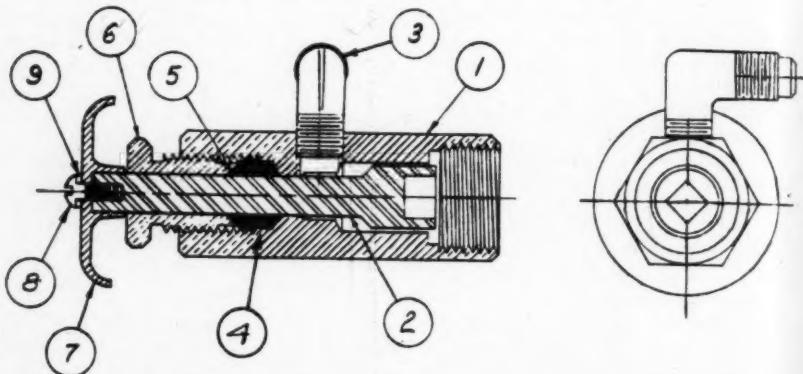
will slide in the opening and make the tool somewhat easier to operate in cramped quarters, as the bar can be slid back and forth.

#### Gaskets

A gasket must be cut and used between the adapter and the charging port to pro-



Packing Nut- $\frac{3}{4}$ " Hex. Brass or C.R.S.



Piece No.	Name	Quant	Mat'l	Notes
1	Body	1	Br or CRS	
2	Shaft	1	CRS	
3	Elbow $\frac{1}{2}$ " tube - $\frac{1}{2}$ " M.P.T.	1		Pur
4	Packing	1		Pur
5	Packing Follower *	1	Cop	
6	Packing Nut	1	Br or CRS	
7	$\frac{1}{2}$ " Hand Wheel	1		Pur
8	$\frac{5}{16}$ " Rd Hd Machine Screw	1		Pur
9	$\frac{3}{8}$ " Lock Wheel	1		Pur

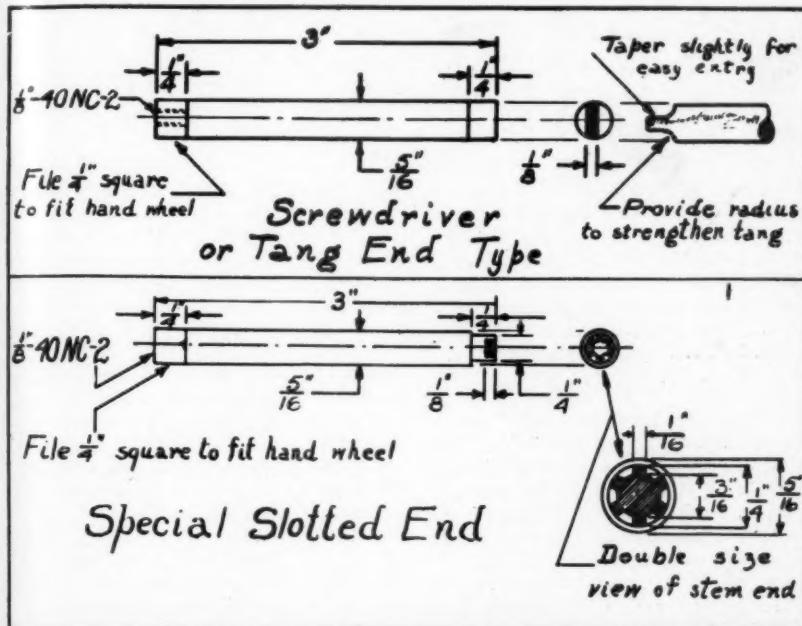
\* Packing Follower can be made from  $\frac{1}{2}$ " flare tube seal bonnet.

FIG. 3—ADDITIONAL DATA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SPECIAL TOOL FOR USE ON PURGE PLUG OF FRIGIDAIRE HIGH SIDE FLOAT VALVE CHAMBER—REPRODUCED FULL SIZE

vide a tight joint. The regular asbestos-rubber material is the best all around gasketing, but the artificial rubbers such as Duprene or Thiokol may be used. If facilities are on hand for cutting celluloid, gaskets of this material may be made up.

This material is impervious to oils and refrigerants and is excellent for the purpose.

For packing the valve stem use the regular stranded asbestos-graphite packing, commonly known as steam packing. Follow these instructions for good results.



UNIT	Adapter End			STEM END
	Drill	Tap	Thread	
Majestic, Servel, Cold Spot, U.S.R. & Tel.	13/16"	7/8"	18	Screwdriver or Tang End
Majestic Herm.	13/16"	7/8"	14	Screwdriver or Tang End
General Electric	13/16"	7/8"	14	Special slotted hexagonal end
Gibson, Grunow	11/16"	3/4"	16	Screwdriver or Tang End
Frigidaire	23/32"	1/2" P.T. (7/8")	14	Hollow square to take 1/4" square valve stem end

FIG. 4—VALVE DATA FOR HERMETIC UNITS HAVING SPECIAL PORTS—REPRODUCED APPROX. FULL SIZE

# *Servicing* Commercial Refrigerating Systems

How the Temperature Requirements of Commercial Systems  
Differ from Household and Multiple Systems. Stages in  
Development of Commercial Coils and Other Service Details

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**I**N commercial systems the service to a large extent is very much the same as that covered under "Household" and "Apartment House Multiple Systems," published in the May and June issues. The chief difference between these types of systems and commercial systems is that in commercial work, temperatures are different than those required in household and apartment refrigeration.

## Ice Cream Cabinets

In the case of ice cream hardening cabinets or cabinets for use in freezing fruits quickly, temperatures may be maintained in the cabinet itself as low as 20° F. below zero or lower. In order to obtain temperatures this low, the refrigerant of course must be evaporated at temperatures considerably lower, probably from -30° to -40° F. In some commercial work, temperatures may be maintained in some sort of chemical bath of 70° F. or over. If such temperatures are to be maintained in a liquid bath, it is quite possible that temperatures in the refrigerant of 65° to 70° F. may be employed. Various commercial installations employ temperatures ranging between those mentioned. A particular problem may require extremes in temperature above and below those given.

In obtaining these various temperatures, the type of evaporator which is used must be considered. If we are to maintain a liquid bath at 40° F. or above, an evaporator consisting of bare pipe or tube coils will be found quite satisfactory. If we are to maintain temperatures in air of 34° F. and above, a finned type of coil furnishing considerable cooling surface may be used. If the temperatures are to be maintained at below 50°

F., it is quite probable that in some part of the refrigeration cycle the coils will become frosted. However, during an off period of the refrigerating machine, the coils will warm up sufficiently to defrost and no particular problem arises in connection with frost clogging between fins.

## Sub-Freezing Temperatures

If we are to maintain sub-freezing temperatures by means of some type of evaporator coil, we should use plate coils or bare tube coils and not depend on finned tube coils for our cooling surface. Any coil which is to operate at sub-freezing temperatures or any coil which is to hold a cooler at sub-freezing temperatures will not get a chance to defrost and consequently the finned type of coil will build up a considerable amount of frost between fins and will render it ineffective.

Cooling surface greater than that obtained in bare tubing or bare pipe coils may be obtained by the use of plate coils. This involves the use of a metal plate to which is attached the evaporator tubes, the surface of the plate being considerably greater than the tube surface. Plate coils are generally made with flat surfaces and when they become excessively frosted, the frost may be scraped off by means of some sort of flat instrument.

Where extremely low temperatures are desired, a brine tank which forms the wall of the cooling compartment is generally used as in ice cream dispensing cabinets and ice cream hardening cabinets. The refrigerants to be used in connection with extremely low temperature work should be chosen with the

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idea of being able to obtain the low temperature desired without too great a sacrifice in machine capacity. Thus for extremely low temperature work, methyl chloride and "Freon" are used rather than sulphur dioxide. Carrene and ethyl chloride of course would be entirely unsuitable for low temperature work.

#### Early Evaporators

As in household refrigeration, the commercial type of cooler is also a stage in the evolution of the ice box into the perfected cooler. The first evaporators used in commercial coolers resembled those used in household machines and these of course were built very much to replace a cake of ice, being large, rectangular tanks and having an operating temperature of below 32° F. These were replaced by coils having fins used in connection with brine tanks and by the use of low pressure float valve coils which had fins attached to the evaporator coils. These fins added surface but the refrigeration coils themselves were in a good many instances not sufficiently large and numerous to maintain fin temperatures anywhere near approximating the temperatures of the tube itself. As a result the finned type coils were to quite an extent ineffective.

In addition the flat type of coils, which were in so common use a few years ago, had a considerable amount of cold hold over; that is, the ability to stay cold for some period after the refrigerating machine had shut down. In some cases hold over is a desirable quality. However, if a coil in a commercial cooler has considerable hold over and we are trying to maintain temperatures of approximately 35° F. the coils themselves will usually not warm up to temperatures above 32° F. and thus defrost before the machine is required to operate again. Thus in the use of these coils, it was necessary for the user to periodically shut the machine down for a period of from 4 to 12 hours, to allow the coils to defrost in order to maintain a good refrigeration job.

With the newer finned type coils the hold over is practically negligible, the quantity of refrigerant in the coils being very small and the surface of the coils being very great. After the refrigerating machine stops, the

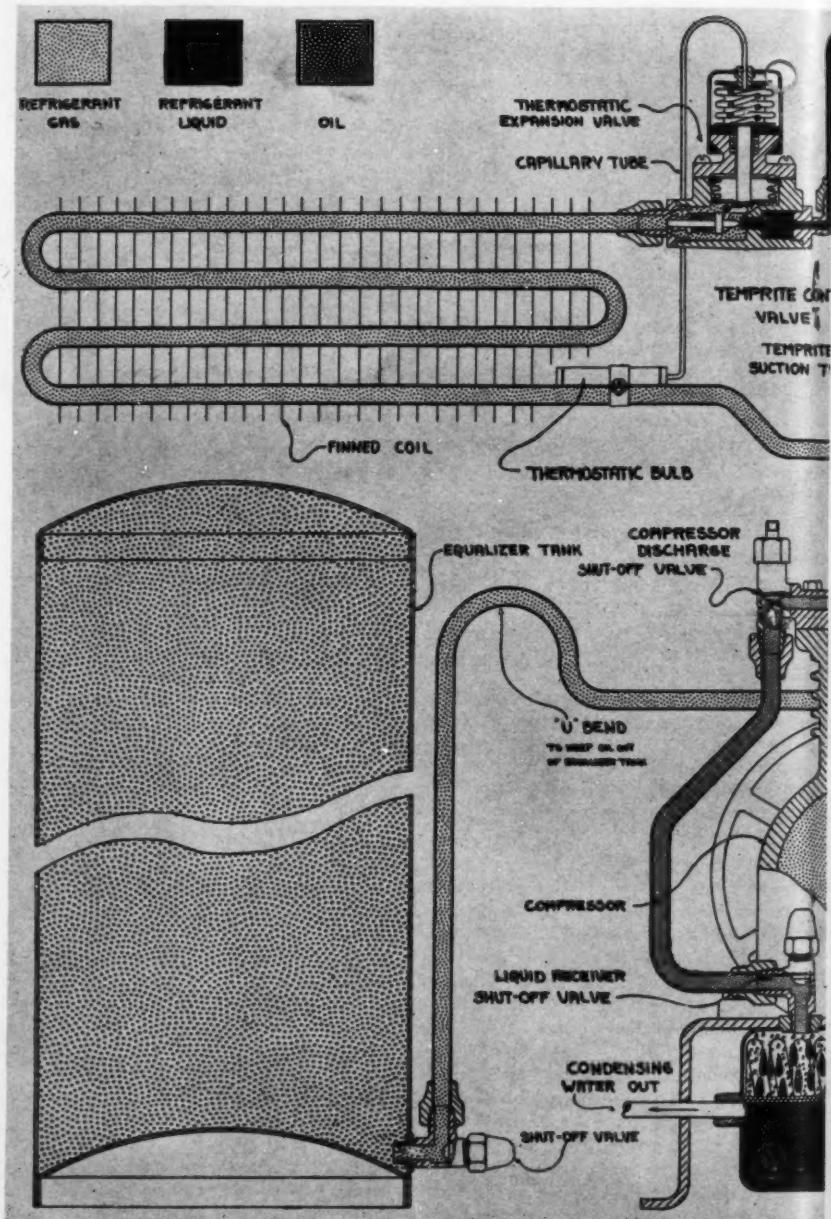
coils warm up to a temperature very nearly equal to the temperature of the surrounding air. As a result the coils defrost quickly and are ready to give a good refrigeration job again when the control starts the machine.

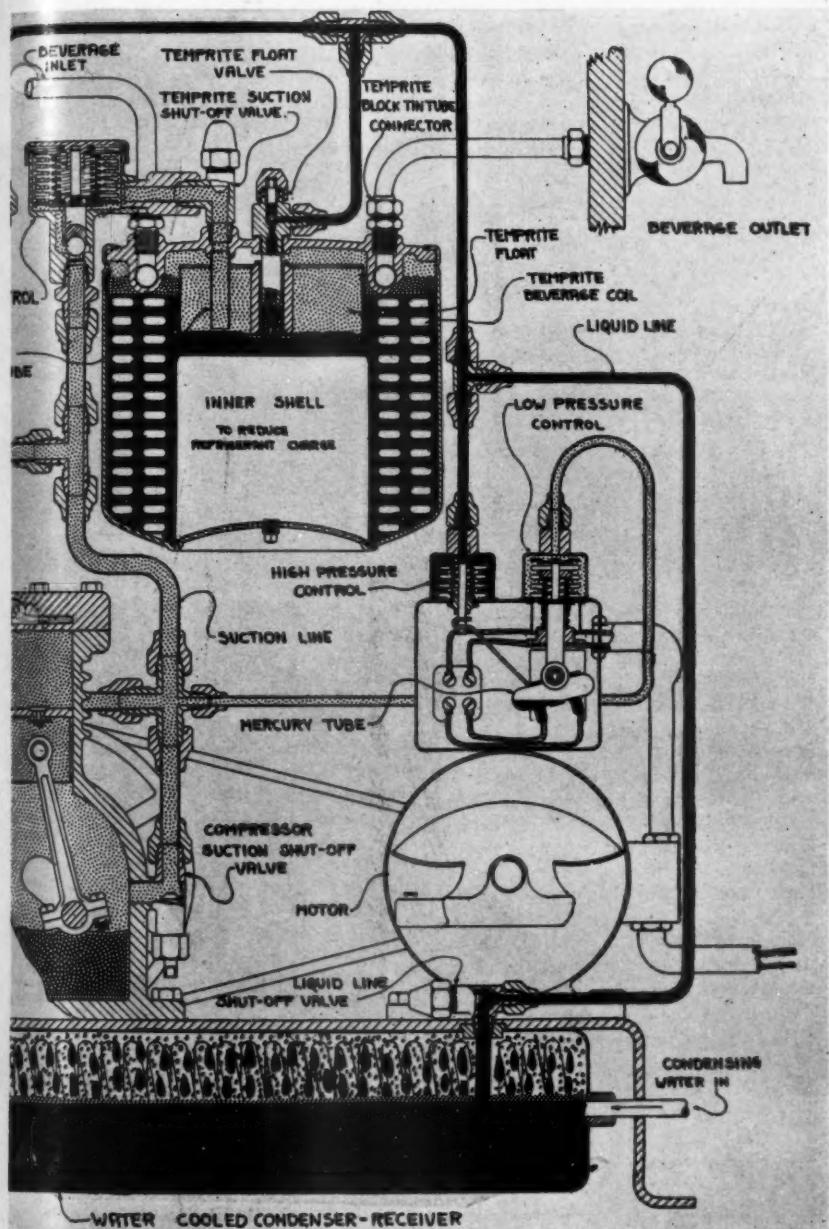
A further stage in the development of commercial coils is the development of the blower type of evaporator coil. This coil makes use of a condensed type of coil having very close fin spacing and having a blower mounted directly in back of the coil itself. The increased air circulation by the blower will increase the effectiveness of the coil from 5 to 15 times so that the quantity of coil for a particular job is thereby correspondingly decreased. This newer type of coil makes it possible to lower the cooler temperature down to 34° F. without the use of extremely low refrigerant temperatures and this tends to cut down the dehydration of foods which may be stored in the coolers. Care should be exercised however in coolers of this type not to have a blast of air leaving the coil turned directly against any food which is liable to dehydrate.

As far as service is concerned, the chief difference we have to consider from the service required in household and multiple apartment house systems is that we may be required to obtain two or more temperatures with the use of one condensing unit.

#### Temperating Valves

This will be accomplished by the use of temperating valves, two temperature snap action valves, thermostats and solenoid valves; and the lowest temperature in the system may be maintained by the control setting at the machine itself. It must be borne in mind, however, that if we have a system which contains several evaporators some of which are controlled through temperature and snap action valves or thermostats and solenoid valves, that the machine must have sufficient capacity to take care of all of these coils as well as the coldest coil on the system. Consequently when these control valves are closed, thereby discontinuing refrigeration in the warmer coils, the refrigerating unit will undoubtedly have a high capacity in conjunction with the coldest coil. For this reason it is necessary to maintain a higher differential, or more especially, a lower cut





HOOKUP WITH A FINNED TYPE COIL  
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out point in conjunction with the coldest coil than would be required if the condensing unit and coil size were more nearly balanced.

Thus if we were to require a brine temperature of  $10^{\circ}$  F. below zero in normal operation, having the machine balanced with the evaporator coil, it would be possible to obtain this  $-10^{\circ}$  F. temperature by using a refrigerant temperature of  $-20^{\circ}$  F. If the machine was thus just able to handle the coil, a pressure control setting which would give refrigerant temperatures of from  $-20^{\circ}$  to  $-8^{\circ}$  F. might be permissible. However, if the machine has a high capacity for the amount of coil used, it might be necessary to operate with refrigerant temperatures as low as  $-40^{\circ}$  F. up to a refrigerant temperature of  $-8^{\circ}$  F. and the control should be adjusted correspondingly.

The adjustment of the snap action valves should be estimated in the same way. The cut in pressure for the valve should be that which corresponds with the highest refrigerant temperature wanted in the coil. The cut out temperature may be  $10^{\circ}$  F. below the lowest evaporator temperature—if the machine has just sufficient capacity to handle the coil. If the machine is large for the coil, it may be necessary to maintain a cut of pressure which would correspond to an evaporation temperature from  $20^{\circ}$  to  $30^{\circ}$  F. below the lowest evaporating temperature desired.

Temperating valves which are usually used in conjunction with the warmest coil on the system are adjusted to maintain the lowest refrigerant temperature desired. In some instances the refrigerant temperature does not vary in this warmest coil as the pressure in the suction side of the system may never get as high as the pressure which we set the temperating valve to maintain. The temperating valve then does not close off tight but throttles the refrigerant through as refrigeration is needed in the warm coil. Thus in using a temperating valve there is a very good possibility of getting short cycling in the condensing unit unless some auxiliary device is used. This is because the refrigerant throttled through the temperating valve will soon raise the pressure on the suction side of the system and the cut on point, and if the rest of the evaporators in the system are

cold enough, the machine when it starts will lower the pressure in the suction side of the system so rapidly that the machine is shut off quickly and short cycling occurs.

One thing which may prevent this is the fact that refrigerant throttled through the temperating valve may condense in some of the colder coils. This of course while preventing short cycling is not a desirable feature as the refrigerant condensing in the colder coil warms the cold coil. In order to prevent this warming of the colder coil during the off period, a check valve is usually installed in the suction line from the colder evaporator.

#### Accumulator Tank

Figure 1 shows a Temprite Water Cooler hookup with a finned type coil. In this system, in order to prevent short cycling, a low pressure vapor storage tank may be installed and tee'd in to the main suction line. The larger the storage tank, the longer the cycles will be in the system which makes use of this tank. In using this low pressure vapor receiver—or we might say, a low pressure vapor accumulator—as the refrigerant is throttled through the temperating valve, it builds up the pressure in the accumulator tank until the cut in point of the control is reached, when the machine starts. As the machine operates, the pressure in the accumulator tank is lowered to the cut out pressure and at the rate the vapor is throttled through the temperating valve, some period of time is required for the pressure in the equalizer tank to be built up to the cut-in pressure again.

This type of accumulator tank is especially desirable in connection with a liquid cooler in which the liquid to be cooled passes through tubes in a bath of the liquid refrigerant. Thus in a water cooler system if no accumulator tank was used, every time a glass of water was drawn through the cooler the pressure would be built up in the compressor crank case and the control would start the machine. As the water valve is closed, the pressure would be rapidly reduced in the compressor crank case and the machine would be stopped.

In setting temperating valves to be used in conjunction with liquid coolers, the temperating valve should be set to regulate the

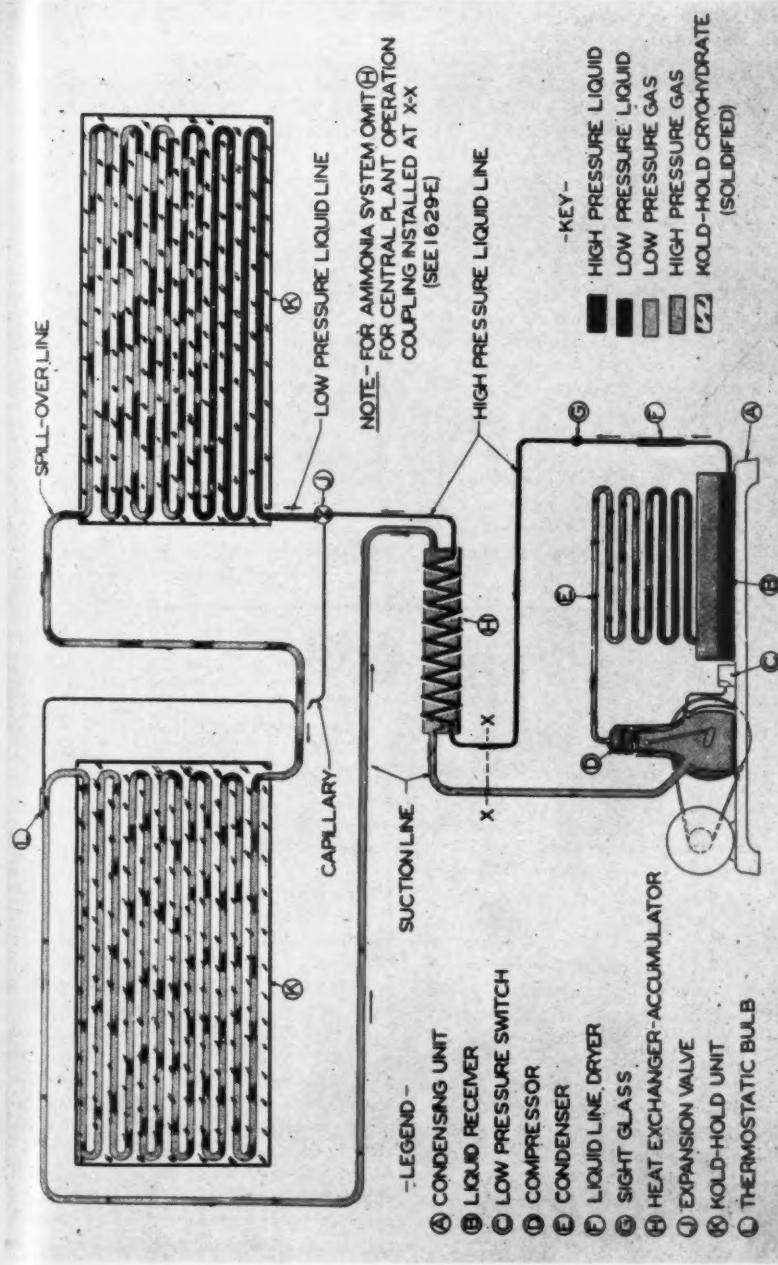


FIG. 2—SYSTEM SHOWING USE OF CONGEALING BRINE KNOWN AS A EUTECTIC SOLUTION

pressure in the evaporator to a point which corresponds to an evaporation temperature of approximately 4° F. lower than the temperature desired in the liquid to be cooled.

If the temperating valve is to be used in conjunction with a coil on which ice is to be frozen to maintain a sweet water bath at a temperature of approximately 40° F., it will be necessary to so adjust the temperating valve as to allow a quantity of ice to freeze on the coil but so as to not allow the coil to become too heavily coated with ice and thereby freeze up the sweet water bath. Generally this temperature which will maintain ice in the sweet water bath and which will not cause excessive freezing, will be evaporation temperatures of from 24° to 28° F.

In some cases temperating valves have been used in conjunction with the various individual coils in a multiple system. In this case the temperating valves are usually adjusted for a position very nearly wide open, so as to allow a low evaporation temperature. If it is found that one part of the

system does not maintain the desired temperatures, the control at the machine may be set to operate at lower pressures and thereby maintain a lower temperature as desired in one cooler. The other coolers with the new control setting might incline to run too cold. This can be eliminated by adjusting the temperating valves to limit the lowest temperature which these evaporators may reach and thus allow a variation in temperatures in the system.

Figure 2 shows a system which uses a congealing brine which we say is a eutectic solution. This solution freezes all at one temperature, the temperature depending on the materials contained in solution. These congealing tanks are used in trucks and other transports where refrigeration may be required away from a source of energy. In some cases these tanks may be frozen by hooking up to refrigerant lines connecting to a large stationary machine and in some cases the truck may carry an electric unit and simply plug into a power supply when the truck is not in use.

## Cleaning Cylinders

Keep Refrigerant Cylinders Clean. It Is Not  
a Difficult Job and Will Prevent Trouble.

By E. W. McGOVERN \*

**I**N transferring refrigerants from larger containers to the smaller service sizes, clean cylinders should be used. Cylinders used only for holding pure refrigerant may easily be kept clean if they are never discharged down to atmospheric pressure. Further, a clean cylinder should not be attached to a liquid line of a refrigerating machine since a refrigerant contaminated with oil and dirt may back into the cylinder if the pressure in the latter is lower than in the liquid line of the machine. Cylinders used to receive refrigerant from machines should be kept separate and identified by a suitable paint marking.

Refrigerant withdrawn from machines is

invariably contaminated with oil and may also contain moisture, acid, metal chips and other foreign materials. Oil in itself is not harmful, if it is good oil, but its presence in a cylinder indicates the probable presence of harmful contaminants. Cylinders used only for pure refrigerant may rust if they have been discharged and the valves left open, permitting moisture-laden air to enter.

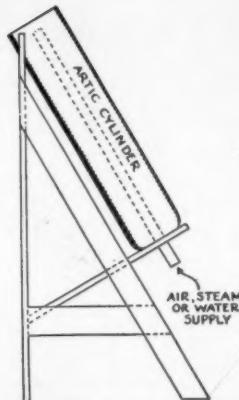
In cleaning a contaminated cylinder, oil, dirt, etc., must be removed, and the container thoroughly dried. The methods depend upon the facilities available. The various methods are listed here in the order of preference. Comments and procedures apply to refrigerants in general although precautions to avoid the presence of moisture are especially necessary in sulphur dioxide.

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Before proceeding with the cleaning, discharge the contents from the inverted cylinder with the valve open wide. Care should be taken that the discharge opening is not pointing toward anyone, and that the gas is released to the outside air. Next, the valve should be removed, overhauled, cleaned, and repaired if necessary. Any fusible plugs should be replaced temporarily by plugs or corks, since the 158 degrees Fahrenheit melting point of the fusible metal is likely to be reached in treating the cylinders with steam or hot air. If in doubt as to whether or not the cylinder needs cleaning, examine the interior with the aid of a small electric bulb or pencil-type flash-light lowered into the cylinder; but residual gas should first be thoroughly flushed out with clean, dry air. If the cylinder and valve are in satisfactory condition, replace the valve and fusible plug immediately, and, if vacuum is available, evacuate the cylinder. If the container is not clean and dry, use one of the following procedures:

#### **Soap Wash and Steaming Method**

1. Place a soap solution and steel balls in the cylinder and put corks in the valve and fusible plug openings. Soap solution may be made up in the proportion of 1 ounce of soap powder to 3 quarts of water. A pint and a half of soap solution and 6 pounds of approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch steel balls are sufficient for a 6-pound Methyl Chloride cylinder. Steel balls are not necessary unless there is rust or scale to be removed.
2. Roll or shake the cylinder for five minutes. Tapping cylinder while rolling will help to loosen scale or adherent dirt if steel balls are not available.
3. Invert the cylinder, placing it on a rack if one is available. Place bucket underneath to catch steel balls and soap solution on removal of cork. Be sure all balls are out.
4. Rinse the cylinder with clean water, using a hose and small pipe or copper tubing extension to reach up to the bottom of the inverted cylinder as it rests on the rack.
5. Steam the inverted cylinder until hot, using hose and pipe or tubing extension.
6. Blow the steam out of the cylinder with clean, dry air. The air may be dried by means of activated alumina, calcium chloride or quick lime (Calcium Oxide) in conjunction with a suitable filter, e.g., of fine canvas, to prevent blowing particles of the drying agent into the cylinder. Less dry air is required if it is hot.
- (a) If steam and/or a sufficient supply of dry air is not available, cylinders may be dried by



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rinsing out with Methanol (Methyl Alcohol) to remove most of the water. A minimum of dry air is then required to remove the Methanol and remaining traces of water.

(b) Another alternative, in case steam and/or dry air is not available, is simply to blow out the wet cylinder (after step 4) with hot air until the cylinder is dry. It is helpful to steam the cylinder first, as in step 5, if steam is available. Air may be heated in a gas-fired or steam-jacketed pipe. However, heating air does not dry it but on the contrary increases its capacity to hold water, and this method leaves the cylinder full of air containing more or less moisture which may under some circumstances, especially in the case of sulphur dioxide, be enough to be harmful.

7. Immediately replace the valve and safety plug in the cylinder. (Litharge and glycerine dope should first be applied sparingly to the valve and plug threads.) If it is desired to inspect for cleanliness before replacing the valve, examine immediately by the aid of a small light bulb. The cylinder should be clean, dry and free from loose or loosely adhering scale. Replace the valve and safety plug as soon as possible to avoid entrance of moist air into the cylinder.
8. If vacuum is available, evacuate cylinder, preferably to not less than 25-inch mercury. This insures dryness and aids in cylinder filling. Removal of water is even more effective if the cylinder is hot when evacuated. Evacuation is not absolutely necessary if steps 6 and 7 are carefully carried out to eliminate moisture.

#### **Chlorinated Solvent Wash Method**

The chlorinated hydrocarbons, trichloroethylene\* and carbon tetrachloride, are strong solvents for oil and grease and may be used in place of the soap wash and steaming.

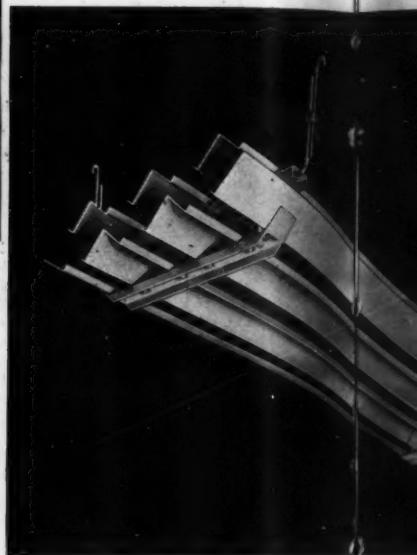
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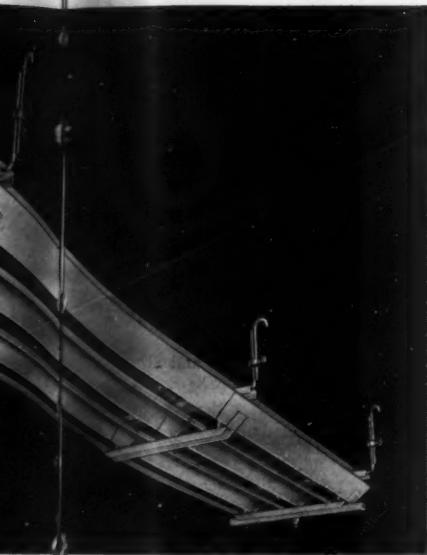
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Care should be taken in using carbon tetrachloride, for this solvent breaks down in the presence of moisture and iron, and, if the cylinder is allowed to stand before thorough drying, rust may result. It is safer to employ the non-corrosive solvent, trichlorethylene. Both are rather expensive unless a reclaim still is available. These solvents are convenient to use, but for water-soluble impurities, such as soaps, dirty water, acid, etc., soap solutions are much more efficient.

1. Place trichlorethylene or carbon tetrachloride and, if available, steel balls in the cylinder. About one quart of solvent for a 6-pound cylinder should be used although less may suffice for a comparatively clean cylinder.
2. Roll or shake cylinder for five minutes. If steel balls are not used, tapping cylinder will aid removal of scale and dirt.
3. Remove the solvent and steel balls.
4. Rinse with about one pint of clean solvent. Repeat rinses if necessary. This comparatively clean rinse solvent can be used again for the initial wash of cylinders. If the inside of the cylinder is wet with water, this may protect some of the oil and grease from the action of the solvent. In this case, the cylinder should be rinsed with about one pint of Methanol (Methyl Alcohol) after the first solvent wash. The Methanol, being a solvent for water, will effect the removal of most of the water so that the remaining oil and grease can be removed by the solvent rinse.
5. Dry the cylinder by blowing out with dry air as in step 6 of "Soap Wash and Steaming Method." Vacuum should also be used, if available, as in step 7.

#### Flushing with Refrigerant

As an added precaution, a cylinder may be flushed out with pure liquid refrigerant. This applies to cylinders that have been cleaned and dried as described here, as well as to cylinders that are already sufficiently clean and dry as not to require intensive cleaning.

The cylinder is connected to the stock cylinder and refrigerant introduced—about  $\frac{3}{4}$  pound of methyl chloride to a 6-pound cylinder. The small cylinder is then disconnected and rolled for a few minutes. The refrigerant is next allowed to escape from the *inverted* cylinder after which the valve should be closed immediately.

In the case of sulphur dioxide cylinders, a very small quantity of moisture may do considerable harm. Flushing is necessary and two flushings are often used.

Flushing removes more or less moisture

depending upon the solubility of water, which in the case of methyl chloride is only about 0.2 per cent by weight. Methyl chloride is similar in solvent action to carbon tetrachloride and trichlorethylene, and dissolves oils and grease. Blowing liquid refrigerant from the inverted cylinder tends to remove solid particles small enough to pass through the valve.

Evaporation in a clean, dry flask of a sample of liquid methyl chloride run from an inverted cylinder will indicate whether or not the cylinder and refrigerant are clean. Oil, dirt or ice crystals should not show up in this test.

Service men should not heat containers to high temperatures to remove moisture and burn out impurities such as oil, although certain types of cylinders can be so treated under factory-controlled conditions. The strongest objection to this treatment is that the internal structure of the steel may be so damaged as to weaken the cylinder seriously. Paragraph 422 of the Interstate Commerce Regulations, Bureau of Explosives Pamphlet No. 9, reads as follows on this point:

"Cylinders which have been in a fire must not again be placed in service until they have been properly heat-treated and retested as prescribed in paragraph 423; Provided, That cylinders made of plain carbon steel with not over 0.25 per cent carbon need not be heat-treated, and also Acetylene cylinders need not be heat-treated if examination shows the porous filling to be unchanged and intact, and they may be used after passing the pressure test prescribed therefor."

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#### ASKIN'S ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN BOOK FORM

A 32-page,  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ " book has been recently issued by the Fedders Manufacturing Company at Buffalo, containing the series of articles by Mr. J. Askin, which have appeared in Fedders News. This practical book presents in convenient form a text book of engineering information for service men on the design and performance of Fedders products, with considerable data resulting from laboratory and field tests.

This book will make an important addition to the library of any service man.

## The Question Box

Readers are invited to send their problems pertaining to the servicing of household refrigerators and small commercial refrigerating

equipment as well as oil burners to "The Question Box." The following questions are answered by Mr. George H. Clark.

### GRUNOW

**QUESTION 136.** I have a Grunow job that has a stuck pump and I would like to know if there is any way it can be taken apart and repaired and if so what is the best way to do the job and have an A-1 job when finished. This job has been apart twice by other refrigeration men. The trouble seems to be very prominent with the Grunow and I would like to know just what causes this condition so often.

**ANSWER:** The Grunow compressor can be taken apart and thoroughly cleaned out and should give satisfactory service after this has been done. If the job has been taken apart by other refrigeration men and has stuck up again, I should suggest that the whole system be entirely emptied of oil and refrigerant and cleaned out as thoroughly as possible. It then should be thoroughly dried and recharged with fresh oil and fresh refrigerant and should cause no further trouble. It will be well to also check for leaks in the suction side of the system to insure that there is no air and moisture getting into the system.

The Carrene, which is used as a refrigerant, of course, operates at very low evaporating pressures; that is, in the neighborhood of 24 to 27 inch vacuum, and the pressure on the high pressure side of the system is usually about atmospheric pressure. A small leak in the low pressure part of the system might cause a gradual building up of air and moisture in the system which would do considerable harm and may be the cause of the trouble in the machine you describe. See article in the June issue.

### GAS BINDING

**QUESTION 137.** I would appreciate very much any information you might give me

in regard to what is known as gas binding in a high side float.

Please explain what is meant by a gas bound float, how it is caused, what are the symptoms and how may this condition be remedied or prevented.

**ANSWER:** A gas bound float refers to a condition which occurs in conjunction with high side float valves. The high side float valve, of course, opens as the liquid level in the valve shell rises and closes as the liquid level in the shell falls.

If any non-condensable gas gets in the high side refrigerating system, it may be circulated through the compressor, the condenser and into the receiver or high side float chamber and, if enough of these non-condensable gases get into the high side float chamber, the pressure in that chamber may be built up sufficiently high to prevent refrigerant liquid from being forced into the chamber and, consequently, the valve will not open and meter the refrigerant into the evaporator. Also, if the temperature of the high side float chamber is higher than the condensing temperature in the condenser or receiver, the liquid will not enter the float valve or as soon as some liquid would enter the float valve chamber it would flash into a vapor at a pressure as high as the condensing pressure and thus keep the liquid refrigerant from entering the chamber and allowing the valve to work.

In general, high side float valves are equipped with a purging valve in order to purge out any non-condensable gases which may leak into or be formed in the refrigerating system and, in some cases, refrigeration is started by heating the condenser to a temperature well above that of the high side float chamber, which has a tendency to cause the liquid to get into the chamber and open the valve unless there are some non-con-

densable gases in the system. In general, this condition will be prevented when the combination receiver and high side float valve is used. However, if the refrigerant used operates at pressures lower than atmospheric pressures, the leak in the low pressure part of the system will draw air, a non-condensable gas, into the system.

With the combination receiver and float valve this merely acts to increase the condensing pressure. A further trouble that has developed in some cases concerns oil binding in the float valve. That is, the float chamber may become fairly well filled with oil which is so light that it will not cause the float valve to lift and as a result the chamber has a tendency to fill up with oil until eventually refrigerant from the evaporator is compressed and forced into the receiver when the specific gravity of the mixture of refrigerant and oil may be raised sufficiently high to cause the float valve to open and then the oil and refrigerant which has been stored in the receiver may go over to the evaporator all at one time until the level in the receiver has reached the normal.

#### EVAPORATOR RATINGS

**QUESTION 188.** Often it is desirable to check the equipment of commercial installations to make sure that the proper size evaporators have been used. Some of these evaporators do not have model numbers or the manufacturer's name attached, so it is impossible to refer to catalogs for B.t.u. rating.

Can you give me a simple formula that one can use to find the approximate rating of these evaporators when they are of the cross fin type?

**ANSWER:** It is very difficult to estimate what the B.t.u. rating of an evaporator coil may be. One method may consist in measuring the fin size and determining the total area of all the fins including, of course, both sides of each fin. Each square foot of fin area will remove approximately two B.t.u.'s per hour per degree of temperature difference between the fin and the air around the fin. This figure represents an average condition with a fin type coil. In a counter having a back bunker the air circulation is very poor around the coil with the result that the rating of the coil may be cut in two. In other words, each square foot of coil may

remove only one B.t.u. per hour per degree of temperature difference.

If the coil is located in an especially good location to set up a good current of air by the coil, this heat transfer factor may increase to approximately three B.t.u.'s per hour per square foot per degree temperature difference. It should be borne in mind, of course, that in computing the coil rating in this manner we must take into account the average fin temperature and the average air temperature passing over the fin. The refrigerating temperature while the refrigerating system is in operation will be somewhat lower than the coil temperature, the amount depending on the design of the coil. With copper fins pressed and tinned onto the tubes of the evaporator I would estimate that where the distance from the extreme point of the fin to the copper tube is not more than two inches, that the refrigerant temperature in general will be approximately  $5^{\circ}$  lower than the temperature of the fin while the machine is in operation. When the machine is not in operation, of course, the fins and the tubing and the refrigerant attain approximately the same temperatures.

If the coil has comparatively a small amount of tubing for the amount of fin, it is quite possible that the refrigerant may reach a temperature ten degrees lower than the average fin temperature while the system is in operation.

We might state that the B.t.u. rating of the coil equals the square feet of fin area times the temperature difference between the fins and air over the fins times the factor which varies from one to three, depending on the design of the refrigerator as to how it affects air circulation over the coil.

#### FRIGIDAIRE SWITCH

**QUESTION 189.** I am having trouble servicing the old Frigidaire boxes, model E. E. 5. The trouble is on the switch. It cuts out at  $16^{\circ}$  but no matter what tension I put on the differential spring it will not cut in below  $33^{\circ}$ .

Kindly advise me as to the correct way of setting this switch. The box is about seven to eight years old and has an expansion valve for a liquid control. Is this expansion valve adjustable?

**ANSWER:** The trouble which you describe in connection with the control would tend to indicate that the control has partly lost its charge or that some permanent set has taken place which makes the control non-adjustable to the lower temperatures.

I would suggest replacing this control with one of the new modern replacement controls.

### SERVEL HERMETIC

**QUESTION 140.** *I am having trouble with a Servel hermetic that someone tried to repair about a year ago. The unit runs on methyl chloride—1 pound—but SO<sub>2</sub> was being used. I found the capillary tubing plugged up; also the evaporator leaking like a sieve; the little liquid filter between the capillary tubing and the condenser was also dirty.*

*I repaired the evaporator, installed a new capillary tube— $\frac{1}{8}$ " (old capillary tube was  $\frac{3}{32}$ ")—removed the little filter between capillary tube and condenser, cleaned out, drilled a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " opening for the capillary tube and charged the unit.*

*The unit will run about a half hour with a 20 pound back pressure; suction line will frost-back and evaporator will frost a little. Then the suction pressure will begin to drop and it will go to 20 inches of vacuum and stay there until I apply a blow torch to the capillary tubing; after a few seconds the liquid will flow through the evaporator and the back pressure will go up to 20 pounds again and operate for another half hour.*

*Is the capillary tube too large? If it is, why is it that when I pinch the tubing closed to try it, the suction pressure drops to about 8 pounds and no frost at all appears on the evaporator. Capillary tubing frost-back quite far and seems to freeze, because when I apply the torch it works again. Is there any kind of a chemical in the little filter, which if it escaped would cause any trouble? Because when I removed it with a torch it gave off a terrible odor, but I figured it came from the SO<sub>2</sub> and the hot torch.*

*The unit runs very good and it seems too bad to have to junk it. I am going to install a filter from an old Frigidaire and 6 ft. of  $\frac{3}{32}$ -in. capillary tubing; if unit still does not work O. K., I will give up, as I am about*

*out of ideas. By the way, that  $\frac{1}{8}$  capillary tubing is 10 ft. long. I figured that by having an opening  $\frac{1}{32}$ -in. larger than if I had the tube a few feet longer it would slow up the flow of liquid enough to work but it does not seem to.*

*Most of these hermetic jobs are an experiment anyway, and any information on this subject will be appreciated very much.*

**ANSWER:** The  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch capillary tube 10 feet long will not furnish anywhere near enough restriction to the flow of refrigerant to make the system operate. In all probability if  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch tubing was to be used 75 to 100 feet would be required in order to furnish the proper drop in pressure. I would suggest that a capillary tube having a bore of approximately  $\frac{1}{64}$  inch be used and, in this case, a piece from 12 to 40 inches may be required to furnish the required drop in pressure.

It will be necessary, of course, to have a filter ahead of the capillary tube in order to prevent plugging the tube. I believe your present trouble is largely due to a mechanical freeze-up in the capillary tube. That is, when the tube is open, the refrigerant will pass through too freely and as it begins to cool down to a temperature below freezing, any moisture in the refrigerant will freeze and plug the line.

It would be advisable to thoroughly clean out and dehydrate both evaporator and condensing unit, to install the proper size capillary tube, and to recharge the system. A  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch tube is not suitable as a capillary tube with the ordinary size condensing unit used in household refrigerators. If the machine is designed for methyl chloride, sulphur dioxide should not be used as the capacity of the machine with sulphur dioxide will be altogether too low.

### REPLACING ISOBUTANE

**QUESTION 141.** *I am interested in replacing Isobutane in about twenty 1931 Copeland household refrigerators with a non-inflammable gas such as Freon. Can you inform me if this can be accomplished successfully? What changes if any must be made in our Copelands? Our Copelands use nineteen ounces of Isobutane. How much*

*Freon must be used to replace the Isobutane?*

**ANSWER:** I do not believe you can replace Isobutane with Freon in the Copeland refrigerators very successfully. These compressors run normally at a comparatively low speed and, if Freon was used, the speed would have to be decreased by one-half or the motor size would have to be doubled to keep them running at the same speed. The single cylinder compressor operating under the heavy load that would occur with Freon would have a tendency to cause vibration and possibly slipping of the belt and might even cause a flickering of lights due to the changes in current required by the motor every time the piston goes up the cylinder.

Isobutane can be replaced by sulphur dioxide with practically no changes in the machine other than a thorough cleaning out and drying of the system before the sulphur dioxide

is put in. Sulphur dioxide, of course, requires the system to be completely dried and fresh oil used, or trouble is sure to result. In a number of cases Isobutane has been replaced with methyl chloride in which case the motor pulley should be reduced to approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its former diameter so as to run the compressor slower with the methyl chloride. It would be necessary, also, if either methyl chloride or Freon were used, to check the seal spring to insure that the seal would not open up at the higher pressures which might obtain in the crank case. The seal should be tested to 80 pounds gage pressure when used with methyl chloride and to approximately 100 pounds gage pressure when used with Freon.  $2\frac{1}{4}$  pounds of sulphur dioxide or Freon have approximately the same value as 1 pound of Isobutane. However,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pound of either refrigerant is sufficient to take care of any of these expansion valve systems.

## NEW MECHANICAL DEVICES Service Tools and Special Equipment

Under this heading there will be published illustrated descriptions of new or improved service tools and equipment for the Service Engineer. Information contained in this department is furnished by the manufacturer of the article described and is not to be construed as the opinion of the Editor.

### NEW WHEEL PULLER

PLOMB Tool Company, manufacturers of hand-forged tools, have recently developed two small gear pullers which are proving very valuable in the servicing of refrigeration and radio equipment.



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In addition they will use nearly one hundred thousand lines of newspaper advertising in over thirty newspapers in the principal metropolitan centers. Thus every part of the country will be reached by some of the fifty-four million consumer messages of which this advertising schedule consists, although the major portion of the emphasis is being placed in those sections where there is the greatest population, and in consequence the greatest number of possible prospects for heating, ventilating, and air conditioning equipment. From beginning to end the copy in the advertisements will emphasize the advantages of immediate installation of automatic heating and air conditioning,

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In other words, this entire campaign, like its predecessors, is aimed at doing a real job of selling for the dealer.

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### A NEW CATALOG OF HAND TOOLS

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tionship between sales and service. The service department is in an ideal position to supplement the work of the sales department, and is willing to work to that end. The service department is in contact most frequently with potential customers, and is in a position to develop sales. It is imperative that the sales department recognize this fact. Independent operators can account for many sales, and will become a greater factor as replacement jobs become inevitably necessary.

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## FAKE SOLICITORS

RECENT reports to the publishers of THE REFRIGERATION SERVICE ENGINEER indicate a renewed activity by fake subscription solicitors, who have been successful in securing remittances for subscriptions under false pretenses.

One such instance reported, indicates the activity of one who identifies himself as a Mr. Burton of Elmira, New York, who offers bargain rates from the established subscription price of \$2.00 per year. He is described as being 5 ft. 8 in. tall, weight 140 lbs. and wears glasses.

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## REFRIGERATION SERVICE ENGINEERS' SOCIETY

Official Announcements of the activities of the National Society and Local Chapters appear in this department as well as articles pertaining to the educational work of the Society.

### THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY



To further the education and elevation of its members in the art and science of refrigeration engineering; with special reference to servicing and installation of domestic and small commercial equipment; for the reading and discussion of appropriate papers and lectures; the preparation and distribution among the membership of useful and practical information concerning the design, construction, operation and servicing of refrigerating machinery.

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## Memphis All Set for Convention

PRACTICALLY all that remains some four months in advance of the 3rd Annual Convention of the R.S.E.S. is your "personal attendance" to partake of real "Southern Hospitality."

Mr. George Uetz, president of Memphis Chapter, and his local committees, as well as Second Vice-president W. Hall Moss of the National Society, are to be congratulated on the efficient and thorough manner in which all details have been planned and carried out attendant to a meeting of this importance.

The educational program is being planned to provide a practical three-day intensive discourse on the developments of refrigeration equipment and accessories which have occurred in the past year, and the future aspects of the servicing business.

The exhibit of the leading manufacturers will provide an important educational feature in that, displayed under one roof will

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As an indication of the importance of this educational part of the 3rd Annual Convention, all space in the general exhibits has been reserved, and while additional space has been provided, approximately 50% of this additional space is now also reserved.

Beginning on Wednesday, November 11, every moment of the delegates' time will be occupied to provide not only educational instruction, but entertainment for all, including three days of activity for the ladies.

November is an ideal time to plan for a real convention, and Memphis should be your objective. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in refrigeration to attend this important refrigeration convention. The dates—November 11, 12 and 13.

## Three New Chapters Being Formed

### ONTARIO MAPLE LEAF CHAPTER Toronto, Ontario

OUR brother service men across the border, recognizing the advantages of co-operative educational efforts in behalf of the servicing profession, met in the King George Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, on June 19

to learn of the work of the Refrigeration Service Engineer's Society.

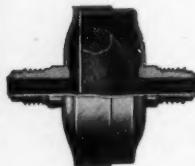
The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman A. E. Doan, who outlined briefly the purpose of the meeting and introduced National Secretary H. T. McDermott, who acknowledged his appreciation of

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the opportunity of meeting with this group and then proceeded to outline the purposes and objects of the Society and the benefits of a local chapter, and invited the participation of the service men of Toronto and vicinity in the activities of the National Society. After a discussion participated in by those interested in the formation of a local organization, it was voted to apply for a charter. In order to carry through the work of the local chapter during its formative period, Mr. A. E. Doan was formally elected as Temporary Chairman and Mr. H. F. Nye as Temporary Secretary.

The matter of the adoption of a constitution and by-laws for the guidance of the local chapter was referred to a committee appointed by the Chairman, who requested that a report be given at the next meeting at which time final details of the chapter will be worked out.

The Ontario Maple Leaf Chapter will include a large territory in the province of Ontario, and service men interested in identifying themselves with this chapter are requested to communicate with either Mr. A. E. Doan, temporary chairman, at 108 Bathurst St., Toronto, or Mr. H. F. Nye, 82 Ontario Street, Toronto.

Further reports of the activity of our first Canadian chapter will be published in subsequent issues of THE REFRIGERATION SERVICE ENGINEER.

## ROCHESTER CHAPTER

At a meeting held at the Seneca Hotel on June 22 a group of service men met with National Secretary H. T. McDermott to consider plans for the formation of Rochester Chapter. Plans were made to

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secure the interest of all service men in this city to become actively identified with this new chapter, and in carrying out the work of the chapter during its formative period the following temporary officers were selected:

Temporary President—C. D. Pennington.

Temporary Secretary—Miss I. Rocklin, care of Pfaudler's Refg. Parts, Inc.

A general discussion took place as to how the chapter could serve the individual membership and it is the hope of this group to enlist the membership of every active service man in Rochester and vicinity.

### SYRACUSE CHAPTER

A REPRESENTATIVE gathering of service men was present on June 28 at the meeting room donated through the courtesy of the Syracuse Supply Company to learn of the operation and activities of the R.S.E.S. as outlined by National Secretary H. T. McDermott.

Mr. Percy Ridings, general manager of the Syracuse Supply Company, welcomed the service men to the meeting and introduced the National Secretary. After consideration by those present of the many advantages that a local chapter would offer to the service men in providing for a co-operative effort to further the interests of this group, it was decided to apply for a charter for a local chapter. The following officers were selected to serve temporarily during the formative period until the formal receipt of the charter.

Temporary President—Carl Stewart.

Temporary Secretary—F. G. Mackin.

Temporary Treasurer—Fritz Harder.

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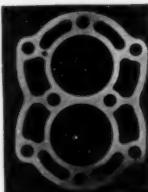
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The meeting was attended by practically every member, and after the presentation formality, a round-table discussion was held to ascertain the best method of increasing the chapter membership and to consider future plans for the activities of the chapter to serve its membership.

The meeting adjourned, and an excellent buffet lunch was provided for the members and guests.

## CINCINNATI CHAPTER

At a special meeting held on July 1 at the

offices of Merkel Brothers Company, Second Vice-president R. B. Howard introduced National Secretary H. T. McDermott and stated that the reason for the special meeting was to receive the charter of Cincinnati Chapter. At this meeting plans were discussed to secure a permanent meeting place and to adopt methods to increase the interest in Cincinnati Chapter. Following the charter presentation and general discussion, the meeting adjourned to partake of a buffet lunch and refreshments.

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## NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

Charter Presentation Meeting, June 18th

**T**HE meeting was called to order and a brief outline of the proceedings was given to those assembled. President D. B.



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Schuster requested George E. Wilson, Second Vice-president, to act as chairman of the meeting who instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to have the Reception Committee accompany our National Secretary—Mr. H. T. McDermott—to the banquet hall, where he was introduced to those assembled by Mr. Boneberg, chairman of the Reception Committee. Mr. McDermott then took over the meeting and addressed those assembled, giving them an outline of the formation of the Society, its purposes and its ideals, and administered the oath of office to the officers and members.

After dinner Mr. Mayer, acting secretary of the Buffalo Engineering Association, welcomed the new society and outlined and suggested a plan whereby Niagara Frontier Chapter could become one of the group of associated engineering societies composing the Buffalo Engineering Society. Mr. Boneberg, who conceived and helped form the first service engineering activities in this locality, spoke on behalf of the former society of the Refrigeration Service Engineers. Mr. Fred Cameron, vice-president of the former

Buffalo Service Engineering Society, spoke on behalf of that organization. Mr. Schuster, president of the Niagara Frontier Chapter, gave a talk outlining the progress made by the society and its policy for the future. Mr. Wm. Powell, secretary of the Niagara Frontier Chapter, who has been active in all three of the above service organizations, gave a very comprehensive talk outlining the activities of the service men in this vicinity from the time of the formation of the original society of Mr. Boneberg's up to and including the formation of the Niagara Frontier Chapter. Mr. Wolfe, who was temporary president during the formation of the Niagara Frontier Chapter, gave a description of the work of the committees in the formation of this chapter.

Mr. Joe Askin, chief engineer of the Fedders Manufacturing Company, and honorary educational director of the Niagara Frontier Chapter, suggested and outlined a policy for the educational activities of this chapter as well as speaking on behalf of the Fedders Manufacturing Company, which firm he represented. Mr. Chas. Rittling of the Fedders

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Manufacturing Company spoke regarding the close co-operation that exists between his firm and the service engineers. Mr. Harold Childs, representing the Household Utilities, Grunow distributors, gave a brief talk relative to the co-operation of his firm. Mr. Andriac, service engineer of the Household Utilities, briefly summarized what Mr. Childs had said expressing appreciation of the close co-operation of the service engineers in this vicinity. Mr. Brooks, representing Root, Neal & Co., gave a talk welcoming the formation of the Society on behalf of the firm he represents. Mr. Adair of Root, Neal & Co. summarized Mr. Brooks' talk and promised the co-operation of his firm and himself in furthering the interests of the Society. Mr. Schultz of Beals, McCarthy & Rogers spoke on behalf of his firm and pointed out that close co-operation and attendance at meetings were necessary for the success of any society. Mr. Tom Bowie, representing the Cooler Keg Co., a newcomer in this territory, thanked the Society for the opportunity presented to him to become acquainted with the members. Mr. George

O'Heara spoke on behalf of the suggestions offered by Mrs. O'Heara relative to the forming of a Women's Auxiliary.

Our National Secretary gave a very enlightening and interesting discourse on service activities as a whole throughout the country. This was the closing address of the evening.

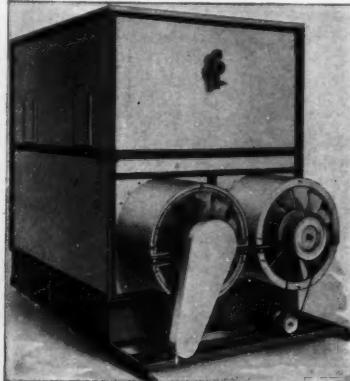
The Chairman of the Banquet Committee then turned the meeting over to our President—Mr. Schuster—who conducted an informal open forum.

The Banquet Committee wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Pagel of the Household Utilities for sending Mr. Childs to represent him due to his inability to be present, and likewise for the loan of the Grunow radio.

Our appreciation is likewise expressed to the Fedders Manufacturing Co., who through their representative, Mr. Askin, donated the refreshments that were served during the open forum conducted by Mr. Schuster, our president.

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## CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Meeting of May 6, 1936

By ED VADAKIN, President  
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**D**UE to the resignation of Mr. George J. Schuld as president of Cleveland Chapter, Mr. Ed Vadakin was elected president, and as Mr. K. P. Wall due to a change of occupation resigned as secretary, Mr. Tom Sutton was elected to this position.

A discussion of the Detroit licensing ordinance was held and Mr. J. H. Downs was requested to read a copy of the ordinance at a future meeting.

A delegation of Cleveland Chapter members attended the meeting on May 7 of Akron Chapter, and the members who participated in this visit included: Messrs. Farr, Wall, Pottenger, Downs, Husted and Vadakin. A delegation from Youngstown Chapter was also present and heard a very interesting talk on lubricating oils.

Our National Secretary—H. T. McDermott—was also in attendance at this meeting.

### Meeting of May 27, 1936

At this meeting, called to order by Presi-

dent E. Vadakin, the Detroit licensing ordinance was read by J. H. Downs, and a letter was proposed to be sent to all of the members of Cleveland Chapter requesting them to indicate the night of the week which would be most convenient to the majority of members to meet. This letter contained a return postal card on which each member could indicate his preference.

President Vadakin also appointed standing committees consisting of the following, the first name on each committee to serve as chairman:

Educational Committee—Z. Kelly, J. H. Stubbs, H. A. Leatherman

Membership Committee—G. Keller, J. H. Downs, G. Schuld

Entertainment Committee—C. Husted, T. Metzler, H. V. Smith

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Mr. Dan Wile was the speaker of the evening, giving an interesting talk on thermostatic expansion valves, as well as a practical demonstration of a simple method of testing valves.

A number of visitors were present from Nela Park, Williams & Co., and The Detroit Lubricator Co.

Some of the tentative educational talks for future meetings will include the following: R. E. Stoltz will talk on his invention of a thermal snap valve; talk on field service of General Electric units by a representative of the company; lecture on Russ Soda Fountains, hook-ups and field service; and a lecture on cold controls by a representative of Ranco. Other subjects which will come up for discussion of interest to all service men will include a discussion on whether or not a licensing act similar to the Detroit ordinance is advisable for Cleveland; do we want the 1937 R.S.E.S. convention, and how shall new members be classified. These are subjects of importance to Cleveland service men, who are invited to attend the meetings.

## CHICAGO CHAPTER

Meeting of June 9, 1936

By H. D. BUSBY, Secretary  
5611 Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill.

THE meeting was called to order at 8:50

P. M. Officers present were: Messrs. Jacobsen, Skipple, Roth, Busby and Bossert.

Mr. William Drake, president of the newly formed Indianapolis Chapter, was a guest for the evening and exchanged with our members some very interesting highlights on business conditions in Indianapolis.

Mr. Jacobsen gave a brief account of a recent trip made by him and Mr. McDermott to Memphis to look over the 1936 convention arrangements. The prospects, as outlined by Mr. Jacobsen and also Mr. McDermott, promise a very interesting convention for members and their wives.

In calling for subjects of discussion from various members, the subject of license laws was immediately brought up. A motion was made by Mr. Drownes that Chicago Chapter

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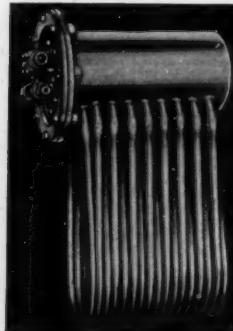
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go on record as being in favor of a license law which would license all present mechanics serving in the field. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vanston and duly carried.

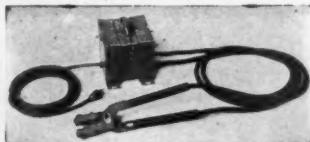
Since the subject of licensing is a very interesting and vital one at this time and it is generally felt that the R.S.E.S. as a group should have a hand in its formation, it was suggested that some of the present license laws in operation in other cities be read and discussed at the next and subsequent meetings.

Mr. Vanston asked that some educational matter on the city code laws be arranged for future meetings.

Volunteers were called for to be placed on a committee in charge of outlining a license law which would meet with the approval of our Society, and the following members volunteered: Messrs. Vanston, Corso, Logemann and Hendrickson.

Mr. McDermott announced that standardized service forms of the type printed in our monthly magazine are now available from the offices of the National Secretary.

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### Meeting of June 23, 1936

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 P. M. Officers present were: Messrs. Jacobson, Skipple, Armstrong, Busby and Bostert.

There being no business for the evening, the meeting was immediately turned over to educational purposes. Licensing laws and codes in operation in other cities were read and discussed at some length to the end that a proposal was made that all future activities of this Chapter be confined to educational matter aimed at keeping members informed of the developments and the understanding of the licensing laws in this city. This was deemed advisable inasmuch as we are purely an educational body with no political aims or connections.

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## CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER

Meeting of June 19, 1936

THE meeting of Capital City Chapter held on the evening of June 19, was called for the election of permanent officers for the current year. The result was as follows:

President—M. H. Hamilton.

Vice-president—Carl Robinson.

Secretary-Treasurer—Chas. W. Lund.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Bradley Gosnell.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. S. L. Price for his efforts in the organization of the chapter. An active membership campaign is now on to double the membership of the chapter. All service men in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., are invited to affiliate with this chapter. Information as to meeting nights can be secured from Mr. Chas. W. Lund, secretary-treasurer, at 2387 Third St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

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## ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

Meeting of May 28, 1936

By E. A. PLESSKOTT, President  
2145—67th St., St. Louis, Mo.

THE regular meeting of St. Louis Chapter held at the Crunden Branch Library, Thursday, May 28, was called to order by President Plesskott at 8:20 P. M.

There being no business, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Gygax, who introduced Mr. J. M. Dunser of the Chase Brass & Copper Co., our speaker of the evening.

Mr. Dunser gave a comprehensive outline of their line of sweat fittings and with the help of his assistant, Mr. George McDougall, his expert solderer, demonstrated the ease and strength of this type of joint. A small assembly was made up in the shape of a T, using one-half inch fittings and tubing, and capping up the cross members. This was put to a test of three thousand pounds hydrostatic pressure and withstood it with strength to spare.

Mr. Gygax gave a brief demonstration of the Curtis service unit that was used in the soldering of these joints. He pointed out the many other uses to which this little outfit can be put.

Mr. Plesskott advised the members of his inability to be present at the next meeting and also that the meeting of June 25th may

be in the nature of a dinner (a Dutch treat) at Garavellis' air-conditioned restaurant, Mr. Gygax to make arrangements for the speaker and Mr. Nettler to get information as to cost and report at the meeting of June 9th, and if agreeable to the majority we might hold one meeting of each month at Garavellis' during the hot spell, and the other at our regular meeting place.

## Meeting of June 11

The regular meeting of St. Louis Chapter held at the Auditorium Hotel, was called to order by Vice-president Nettler at 8:30 P. M.

No business appearing, Mr. Gygax, educational chairman, introduced Mr. Fred W. Powers of the Century Electric Company, who gave a most comprehensive talk on Whitaker-Upp electrical power systems for mechanically refrigerated trucks and trailers. In this he was ably assisted by Mr. Al Brown.

He gave a complete outline of the possibilities of this type of equipment and gave it as his opinion that the transcontinental busses would very soon be using it for air conditioning purposes to compete with railroads in the matter of comfort. The system on display and in operation was examined in detail by practically every one present. Various questions on adaptability, service pointers, etc., were fully answered by Mr. Power.

## Meeting of June 25, 1936

The minutes of the June 9th meeting were read and approved, and for the benefit of those unable to attend that meeting, a complete outline prepared by Mr. Gygax was also read.

Discussion on the advisability of curtailing our meetings during the hot summer months and changing the location of them resulted in motions that we meet on the 4th Thursday only during the months of July and August, and that these meetings be held at Joe Garavelli's. A dinner is to be arranged to start off the evenings. Motions carried unanimously. It was suggested that a letter with return postal card enclosed be mailed to all members advising them of our summer schedule and to enable them to make reservations for the dinner to precede these meetings.

The membership was requested to make known at the next meeting, if possible, if

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Mr. Krueger gave a short talk on two new dehydrating agents—soda lime and "Drierite." The latter of these should prove very popular if it will do all he says it will.

Mr. Plesskott requested all new members who had made partial payments to try to clear these up before the end of the month in order to enable us to get credit for these new applications in the Membership Drive. He also requested that we continue our efforts in behalf of obtaining new members throughout the year, because it is only in proportion to our representation that we can begin to have a voice in the affairs of this city pertaining to our line of work or in our own National Council.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST

THE finish. Here are the winners:

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2nd Prize—Memphis Chapter, G. L. Uetz, president. \$15.00.

3rd Prize—Kansas City Chapter, R. F. Cox, president. \$10.00.

This is the order in which the finish was recorded in the Membership Drive participated in by the chapters since January 1 and ending June 30.

Our congratulations to the winners, and our best wishes to the other chapters for better luck next time.

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## PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Meeting of June 8, 1936  
By F. V. GOLITZ, Secretary  
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THE regular meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter was held in the Crafts Building on June 8, President C. O. McCauley presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read by the Secretary.

Due to the small number present the meeting was turned into an informal discussion of many interesting subjects. Some of the topics discussed were: Hermetic units, absorption units, and obsolete models. Questions were asked and answered by the members. This meeting proved both instructive and interesting to all those present.

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### "THE 'CONTRIBS' COLYUM"

By THE KINGFISH

WE hear that our very good friend K. P. Wall of Cleveland, Ohio, has become manager of Harry Alter's branch in that city, and that he recently made a trip to Chicago. We also hear that he and McDermott spent an evening in Paul Jacobsen's home and sat in the den talking about convention news and the general outlook for this season.

The Kingfish paid a visit to this same Paul Jacobsen the other day and found out that some members wanted to know our identity. Well, we are the Kingfish of that great fraternity called "The Order of the Unknown Colylum Contributors"—a fraternity where the boys and girls send in their complaints or comments, and in return receive a soothing letter or talk—possibly a gentle pat on

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We hear that McDermott and Jacobsen were in Memphis to put the O. K. on the convention committees' work, and that they expressed their satisfaction with the results that the boys and ladies in Memphis have accomplished.

We are wondering how the springs stood up in Mr. Moss' coupe when he, Mac and Paul (the three heavyweights of the R.S.E.S.) were riding around in Memphis and Arkansas. We also hear that they tried a new game which consists of a gallon jug full of water with a small jar standing inside it—this small jar having a mouth opening of about one inch. The trick is to drop pennies or dimes down through the water so that they fall into the small jar. If they miss, you lose.

Down the grapevine comes the rumor that "Bill" Drake, president of Indianapolis Chapter, learned to eat "Cannibal" sandwiches when he was in Chicago a short time ago. We are informed that he attended a meeting of Chicago Chapter and that some of the boys took him to a place called "Potthast," and there they had beer and raw hamburgers. Is that right, Bill?

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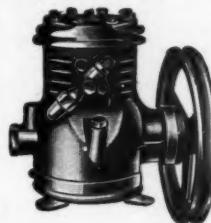
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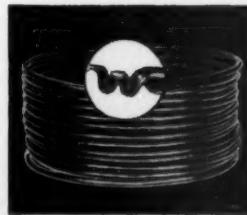
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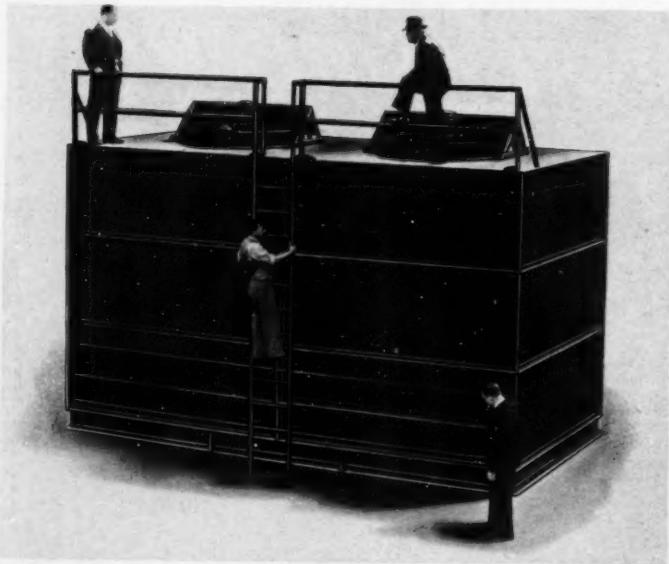
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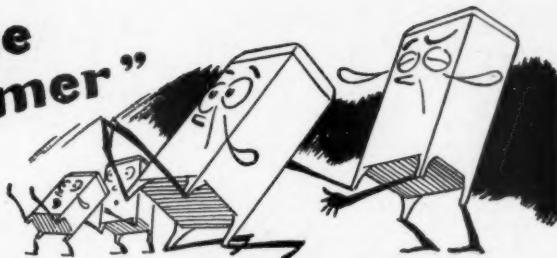


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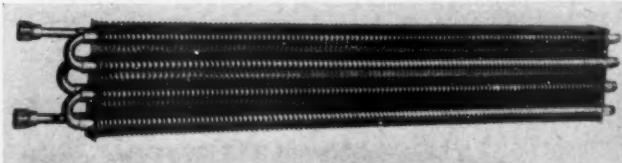
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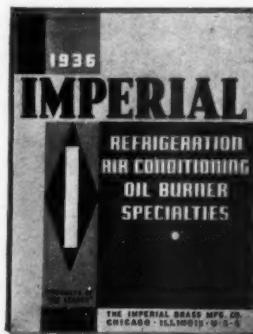
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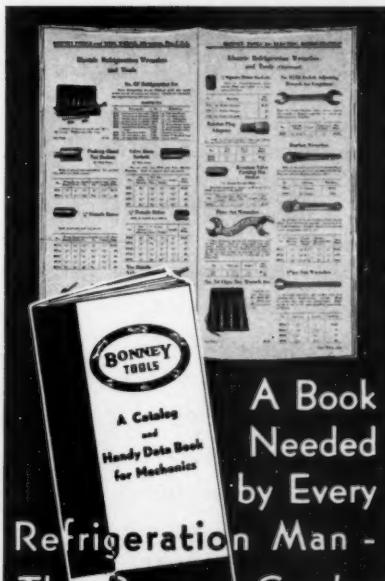
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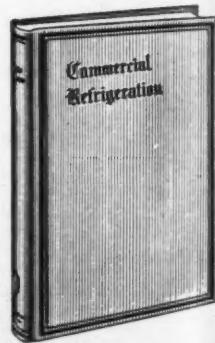
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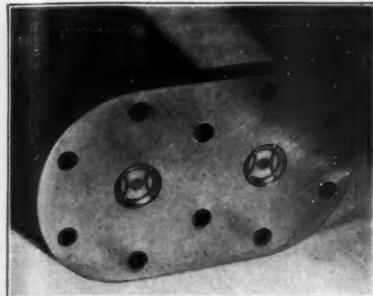
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